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Group sees potential & costs in gift of acreage

From Melinda Posner
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After two intense days of deliberation, study observations and interviews, a statewide panel of experts concluded that the City of West Sacramento should go ahead and obtain title to the 42-acre East Riverfront Property within the Marina Lighthouse project. The group, made up of five professionals in the fields of waterfront development, economics, engineering, land development and land planning, recommended that the City plan for the long-term development of the parcel, after the first phase of the Lighthouse project is completed. In the interim the City should secure and define public access to the riverfront by providing bike and pedestrian trails and other recreational benefits.

West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency staff requested assistance from the California Redevelopment Association (CRA) after the agency was offered the property from Lighthouse developers. CRA has helped other communities by organizing groups of objective professionals who donate their time to take a close look at community redevelopment issues. Determining whether the agency should accept the property and what the property could support to make it economically feasible was the challenge for this group of panelists.

Citing the fact that the East Riverfront Property is one of the last large, urban riverfront sites within the entire Sacramento region, T. Keith Gurnee, an architect and land use planner with significant river and waterfront development experience, said "Riverfront property doesn't come around too often. I don't know any agency that I've worked with that wouldn't take advantage of this opportunity."

But, according to the experts, the City must be willing to wait. The panel indicated that if the City moved to develop the property quickly, the only viable near term use would be housing, which would compete with the Lighthouse project. In considering future land uses for the site, the panelists agreed that the original Lighthouse Marina Development Plan is a sound one and future development should be of similar scale and character. The 42-acre site is zoned to allow housing, offices, a 210-slip marina and hotel. In the short-term, however, the market does not support the development of any commercial or marina uses. The group agreed that this is a long-term opportunity and that several things must occur before the site develops, including the development of several commercial projects already planned within the City (such as Raley's Landing), successful development of the first phase (residential) of the Lighthouse project

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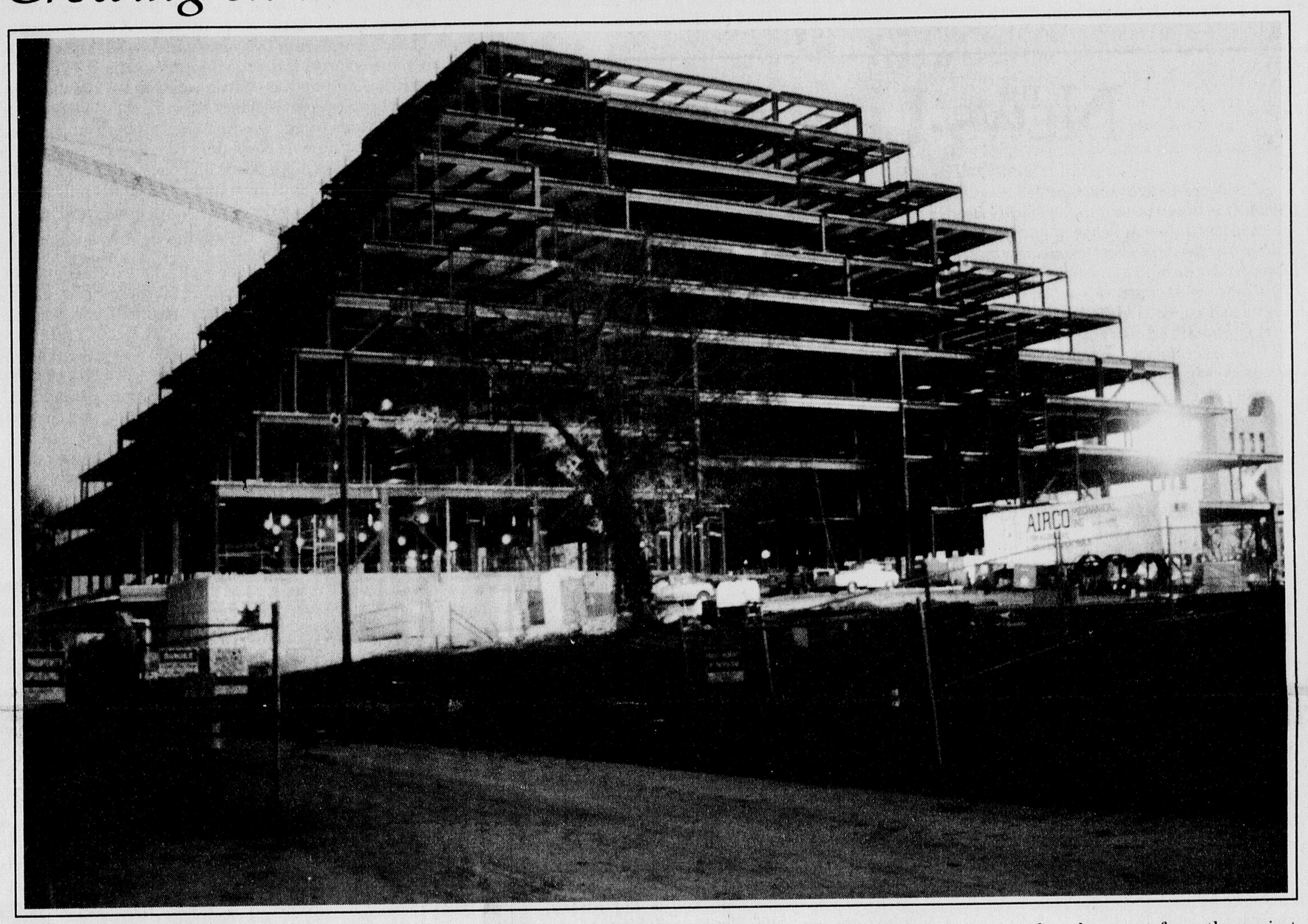
Growing on the riverbank



The steel-framed Money Store headquarters building rises towards its final ten-story height on the west bank of the Sacramento River. The future 370,000 building will become West Sacramento's largest employer when it is completed sometime around next summer.

The financial company headquarters will boast 1,500 employees and is the first -- and so far only -- office construction project on the city's ambitious riverfront. It is located just north of the Tower Bridge, on the 25-acre Raley's Landing project in the city's "Broderick" area, and will feature a glass and stone facade.

Construction began in May.

City leaders and business people of West Sacramento hope the development gives a confidence boost to other companies considering building on the riverfront, and also hope the future building's employees will give a financial boost to area merchants, including restaurants and service shops down the street from the project along West Capitol Ave.

The city's current largest employer is the regional post office sorting facility on Industrial Blvd. near Enterprise Blvd., which employs about 1,200 people.

The electric light show:

Local resident reports on where the action is for viewing Christmastime decorations

The News-Ledger asked Jeff Henry, a local resident who helped sponsor the community Christmas tree at Jefferson Blvd. and West Capitol Ave. and who is locally famous for enthusiastic Christmas decorations at home, to help provide a guide of local viewing spots for residential Christmas lights.

Here's his report:

From Jeff Henry

I found that if you drive anywhere in West Sacramento you are going to find a lot of Christmas lights out there. There are more decorations this year than I have ever seen before.

I mapped out a general outline of where my wife and I drove, inserting the streets that had a good selection of lights. The one thing to remember is that while you drive to any of these specific spots, there will be a great deal to look at on the way.

We started, of course, at our house, which is on Angel Court and Betty Way. Most of the homes on Angel are lit up and look great. We went out onto the Linden loop and you can see all of the side streets that are decorated from there. Go back onto Shirley, Brenda, Kathy and Violet and just wander around. Cruise down Betty and Summerfield and look down all of the side streets and cul de sacs. Head over to Constitution, Higgins, Paradise and Crystal Court for a real treat.

North Linden has a lot to offer also. Go back behind the main road onto Redwood and Alder to see some nicely down homes. While you're in the area, there are some decorated boats at the Yacht Club that look great on the water.

Arlington Oaks, in the Manchester and Devon area, have some nice homes out on the main roads, but dig a little deeper into the streets farther back into then neighborhood and you will find some very nice surprises.

There are enough oohs and ahhs for the whole family when you drive down Stone Boulevard. Their decorations get more intense each year. Drive up and down all of the state streets and you will not be disappointed. Especially with Virginia and Delaware.

Before you head over to the high school, take a look at Park Boulevard. There are some great lights out there. Pay special attention to Acorn Court. Michael, Charlie Moore's son, did a spectacular job on this house. Heading towards the high school, go down to Meadow and Longcroft Streets. Also, look at Deerwood, Grand Vista and Fallbrook.

Evergreen, Ash, Poplar and Buckeye have done real well this year. Drive through this whole area, there are some very nice and original decorations.

Some of the nicest decoration I've seen popped up around Michigan Street area. Drive the length of the street, checking all the side streets for hidden pockets of lights. They're everywhere. Take a look at Michigan and Burrows, what a layout! This whole neighborhood really got into the spirit, from Maple, Poplar and Lilac to Westacre and Portsmouth. Drive up and down Kegle and all of the side streets like Marston, Anna, Tabor and Rich. Visit Fourness and Todhunter.

There are bright lights up at Bryte Avenue (I couldn't resist) and Mae. It's lit up on Cummins, and up and down Greenwood and Fairway, through Rueter.

I rounded off the evening around 3rd and E and up 8th.

I did not even come close to naming all of the wonderful streets that have brightened up the holidays, but as you drive around, you won't be able to miss them. Happy light hunting!

Officials ponder land

By Steve Marschke

Perhaps conscious of some other public real estate acquisitions that went sour, such as a $600,000 parcel on Sacramento Ave. and the notoriously troublesome Vacation Inn/Margaret McDowell Manor project, city officials seem cautious in their reaction to a proposed gift of 42 riverfront acres from the Lighthouse Marina to the city of West Sacramento.

"I don't have any idea on it yet," said Mayor Bill Kristoff.

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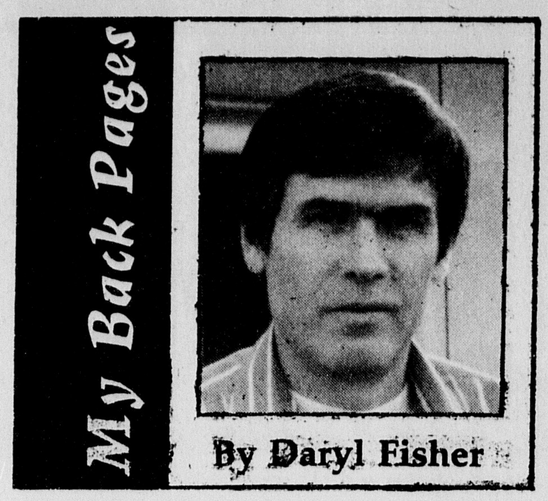
Holiday deadlines

Due to early printing deadlines for the News-Ledger's Dec. 25 (Christmas) and Jan. 1 (New Year) issues, all classified ads and other submissions for those two issues must be received by the previous Friday. Other policies outlined on page 2 still apply.

The night I think I saw a UFO on the River Road



I wheeled my pickup truck up into my driveway, jumped out of the driver's seat, slammed the door shut and raced into my house. Out of breath, I blurted out, "Hey, you guys aren't going to believe what I just saw!"

My wife, sons and daughter, who were sprawled out in their favorite chairs throughout the living room, didn't even bother to look up from the TV show they were watching. "Hey," I repeated, "no kidding, I just saw something absolutely unbelievable!"

"And what might that be, dear?" my wife finally asked, her eyes still glued to the TV.

"Well," I said, suddenly realizing that I was probably going to sound like a complete idiot, "I think I just saw a space ship of some kind, you know, one of those UFO's."

"What?" asked my oldest son Ty, smiling at his brother Paul and slowly shaking his head.

"I'm serious," I said.

"Get out of here," said my obviously disbelieving daughter. "You didn't see no unidentified flying object."

"But I really think I might have."

"Where?"

"Up on the River Road."

"When?"

"Just about ten minutes ago."

"But what would a space ship be doing in West Sacramento?" asked Paul with a puzzled expression.

"Yeah," said his older brother with a smile, "aren't they supposed to be out looking for intelligent life?"

"I'm serious," I said. "Whatever it was, it sure wasn't a plane or a helicopter or anything like that. And it just appeared out of nowhere, hovered high over the river for a few seconds and then darted off, real fast. One second it was there, and the next thing I knew, it was gone."

"What'd it look like?" asked my daughter.

"Well, I didn't get that good of a look at it because it was pretty high up, but it was perfectly round and surrounded by this bright blue light. I don't think it had any windows or anything, but it seemed like it was spinning real fast as it hovered."

Anyway, no matter how hard I tried, I wasn't able to convince any of my beloved family members that I had actually seen a UFO. After about a fifteen minute discussion, the general consensus seemed to be that I just had aliens on the brain because of a Star Trek movie we had recently rented.

Later that night, still unable to totally dismiss what I thought I had seen, I suddenly recalled a little chat I had some twenty-five years earlier with one of my more colorful fraternity brothers. His name was Bruce and he was a little weird to begin with, and I can never remember having a conversation with him when he was completely sober and drug-free, but he was absolutely convinced that a gang of four-foot-high aliens had once kidnapped him from earth and taken him up to their space ship where they apparently gave him a complicated battery of physical and psychological tests.

"What kind of tests?" I asked him.

"That part I don't remember too well," he explained, "except that they kept flashing all these different colored lights in front of my eyes and poking me all over with their cold little bony fingers."

"What did they look like?" I asked him.

"Well, they all had huge bald heads, bulging green eyes, really skinny legs and the ugliest feet I have ever seen. And none of them were wearing any clothes."

"Not even the girls?" I asked from my earthly perspective.

"To tell you the truth," he said, "I couldn't really tell which ones were the boys and which ones were the girls."

"How come?"

"Because none of them had any body parts to speak of."

"You're kidding?" I asked in amazement. "No body parts?"

"Nope," said Bruce, "not that I could tell, anyway. In fact, I even asked one of them about that."

"What'd he say?"

"Well," answered Bruce, "he, or she, didn't really say anything, but all of a sudden the answer was right there in my head. Now is that a neat way to communicate or what?"

"Really? They just put the answer right in your head?"

"Yeah. And apparently they don't need to reproduce, because they live forever, so they've evolved beyond the need for body parts."

"Evolved to what?"

"Now that's a good question. I'm afraid they didn't put that answer into my head. But I distinctly remember getting the feeling that they just weren't very impressed with the human body, especially mine."

"Is that right?"

"Yeah. They kept rotating those big green eyes of theirs to the side when they were taking off my clothes -- almost as if they couldn't stand to look at me -- and I kind of took it personal at first, but you know, now that I've had a lot of time to think about it, I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we're the only creatures left in the whole universe who are still stuck with all these damn body parts."

As I sat there trying with great difficulty to contemplate life without body parts, especially female body parts, my fraternity brother seemed to sense my deep and uniquely human concern and said, "Yeah, I'd bet just about anything that body parts are really rare and not very important once you get off this stupid planet of ours."

"Could be," I said, still not quite capable of grasping the concept.

And then, almost as he had read my mind, he nodded his head and added, "But you know, it does kind of make you wonder why those poor little guys would even bother to get up in the mornings, doesn't it?"

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Santa's schedule

From the West Sacramento Firefighters Association

This December starts the 25th annual Santa Run. Twenty-five years ago the firefighters decided to do something for the children in the community at Christmas time. Again, the firefighters will decorate the fire truck with lights and play music when Santa arrives. As they drive through the neighborhoods they will hand out candy canes, as well as collect non-perishable food for the local food basket, which distributes food to the needy. The West Sacramento Firefighter's Association has enjoyed volunteering their time for this great event, which everyone in the community looks forward to during the holidays. Santa's remaining schedule is listed below:

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SAFEWAY STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

By Gabby Salas
Review Staff Writer

This week's Safeway Scholar/Athlete is River City senior David Wenneker. David plays football and wrestles for River City. His favorite sport is football, and he plays offensive tackle.

David maintains a 3.65 GPA. After graduation, he plans to go to college and play football if possible. David has two colleges in mind, American River and Humboldt State.

David Wenneker wins a $25 gift certificate from Safeway!

The Sports Insider

By Richard Novoa

The NFL playoff picture is set in the NFC, but the AFC is still accepting applications for a few qualified teams. The 49ers played their best all-around game of the year, beating the Steelers 25-15 in Pittsburgh. The 49ers took an early 16-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

The road to Super Bowl XXXI will go through Green Bay, which has the home field advantage throughout the playoffs. The 49ers and Dallas will host the wild card games unless the Carolina Panthers lose to the Steelers on Sunday.

The Panthers, who haven't lost at home (7-0), should handle the Steelers, but if they lose and the 49ers beat the Lions on Monday night, the 49ers would win the NFC West and a first round bye. The Cowboys are set and will host a wild card game against the Vikings or Eagles.

In the AFC, the Raiders fell out of playoff contention with a horrible performance against the Broncos. The Raiders committed 20 penalties and turned the ball over four times and nearly overcame a 21-point deficit to lose 24-19. This loss will cost the Raiders coach Mike White his job!

The AFC picture is still cloudy, but the Patriots, Steelers and Broncos have each won their divisions. The three remaining spots are up for grabs this weekend. The Bills (9-6), who lost on Monday night to Miami, are now faced with a must-win game against Kansas City (9-6) in Buffalo. Both teams are hammered with injuries and have been on two game losing streaks. The winner of this game goes to the playoffs as a wild card and the loser may stay home for Christmas. The Colts (9-6), who upset Kansas City last week, control their own destiny and can make the playoffs with a win over the Bengals in Cincinatti. The Jacksonville Jaguars (8-7), a second year expansion team, is still alive and holds the tie breaker over Kansas City.

The Sacramento Kings (8-16) are hit by a rash of injuries that will sideline Lionel Simmons, who has a cartilage tear in his right knee, and Tyus Edney, who suffered a sprained right ankle. Corliss Williamson pulled a calf muscle and is listed as day-to-day, but Simmons may need surgery and will probably join Brian Grant on the disabled list. The Kings lost their second straight game, on Tuesday to Washington, and their third in the past four games.

As a matter of fact, the Kings have lost ten of their past 14 games. It may get worse because they face a tough week with a game in Denver on Wednesday, then come back home for Minnesota on Thursday and Portland on Saturday night at the Arco Arena. The Kings may be asking Santa Claus for a couple of new healthy players for Christmas!

See ya next week!!

Sports Quiz
by Larry Duncan

1. How many stitches are there in the seams of a tennis ball?
2. What's another term for a badminton bird?
3. What was the first horse after Citation to win the Triple Crown?
4. Who was the hero of the 1912 Olympics at Stockholm?
5. What pool shark did Jackie Gleason portray in "The Hustler"?
6. What words have traditionally signaled the start of the Indianapolis 500?
7. What's the unit of measure for a racehorse's height?
8. How many feet apart are the stakes in men's horseshoe pitching?

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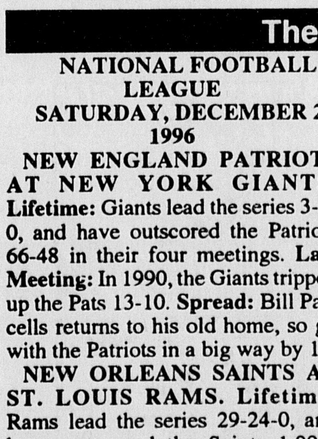

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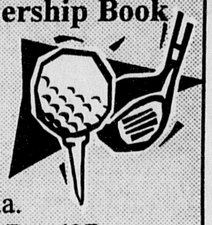

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The Sullivan Sheet by Rick Sullivan

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1996

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS AT NEW YORK GIANTS. Lifetime: Giants lead the series 3-1-0, and have outscored the Patriots 66-48 in their four meetings. **Last Meeting:** In 1990, the Giants tripped up the Pats 13-10. **Spread:** Bill Parcells returns to his old home, so go with the Patriots in a big way by 17.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS AT ST. LOUIS RAMS. Lifetime: Rams lead the series 29-24-0, and have outscored the Saints 1,099-1,013 in their 53 meetings. **Last Year:** The Rams beat the Saints 17-13, but the Saints paid back the favor with a 19-10 triumph. **Spread:** Rams by 10.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1996

HOUSTON OILERS AT BALTIMORE RAVENS. Lifetime: The former Cleveland Browns lead the series 30-23-0, and have outscored the Oilers 1,049-931 in their 53 meetings. **Last Year:** The now Ravens beat the Oilers 14-7, but the Oilers paid them back big-time 37-10. **Spread:** Oilers by 6½.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS AT BUFFALO BILLS. Lifetime: Bills lead the series 18-14-1, and have outscored the Chiefs 727-701 in their 33 meetings. **Last Meeting:** The Bills easily handled the Chiefs 44-10. **Spread:** Bills by 8.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS AT CINCINNATI BENGALS. Lifetime: Colts lead the series 10-6-0, and have outscored the Bengals 366-339 in their 16 meetings. **Last Year:** The Bengals upset the Colts 24-21 in overtime. **Spread:** Colts by 2½.

DENVER BRONCOS AT SAN DIEGO CHARGERS. Lifetime: Broncos lead the series 38-34-1, but the Chargers have outscored the Broncos 1,538-1,445 in their 73 meetings. **Last Year:** The Chargers beat the Broncos 17-6, but the Broncos returned the favor 30-27. **Spread:** Broncos by 3 in overtime.

ATLANTA FALCONS AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS. Lifetime: This is the first-ever meeting between these soon-to-be Southern rivals. **Spread:** Jaguars by 10.

MIAMI DOLPHINS AT NEW YORK JETS. Lifetime: Dolphins lead the series 32-29-1, and have outscored their fierce rivals 1,418-1,276 in their 62 meetings. **Spread:** UPSET OF THE WEEK — Jets by 6.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS AT OAKLAND RAIDERS. Lifetime: Raiders lead the series 22-17-0, and have outscored their Northern neighbors 998-997 in their 39 meetings. **Last Year:** The Raiders beat the Seahawks 34-14, but were paid back in full by Seahawks 44-10. **Spread:** Seahawks by 5.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS AT CAROLINA PANTHERS. Lifetime: This is the first-ever meetings for these teams. **Spread:** Steelers by 2.

DALLAS COWBOYS AT WASHINGTON REDSKINS. Lifetime: Cowboys lead the series 39-32-2, and have outscored the Redskins 1,690-1,428 in their 73 meetings. **Last Year:** The Redskins surprisingly swept the Cowboys 27-23 and 24-17. **Spread:** Redskins by 3.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS. Lifetime: Vikings lead the series 36-33-1, but have been outscored by their long-time rivals 1,327-1,217 in their 70 meetings. **Last Year:** The Packers beat the Vikings 38-21, but Vikings returned the favor with a 27-24 upset victory. **Spread:** Packers by 7.

ARIZONA CARDINALS AT PHILADELPHIA EAGLES. Lifetime: Eagles lead the series 48-47-5, and have outscored the Cardinals 2,055-1,918 in their 100 meetings. **Last Year:** The Eagles swept the Cardinals 31-19 and 21-20. **Spread:** Eagles by 15.

CHICAGO BEARS AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS. Lifetime: Bears lead the series 29-8-0, and have outscored the hapless Bucs 897-489 in their 37 meetings. **Last Year:** The Bears blew away the Bucs 25-6 and 31-10. **Spread:** ANOTHER UPSET OF THE WEEK — Bucs by 6.

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DETROIT LIONS AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ers. Lifetime: 49ers lead the series 28-27-1, but have been outscored by the Lions 1,229-1,203 in their 56 meetings. **Last Year:** In 1995, the Lions upset the 49ers 27-24. **Spread:** 49ers by 15½.

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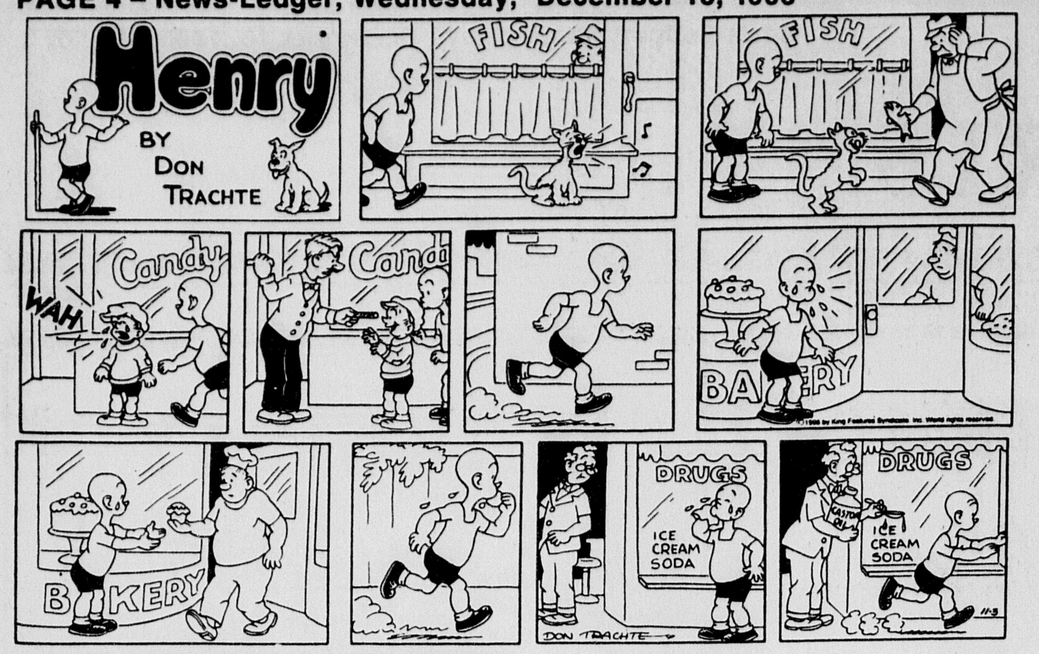
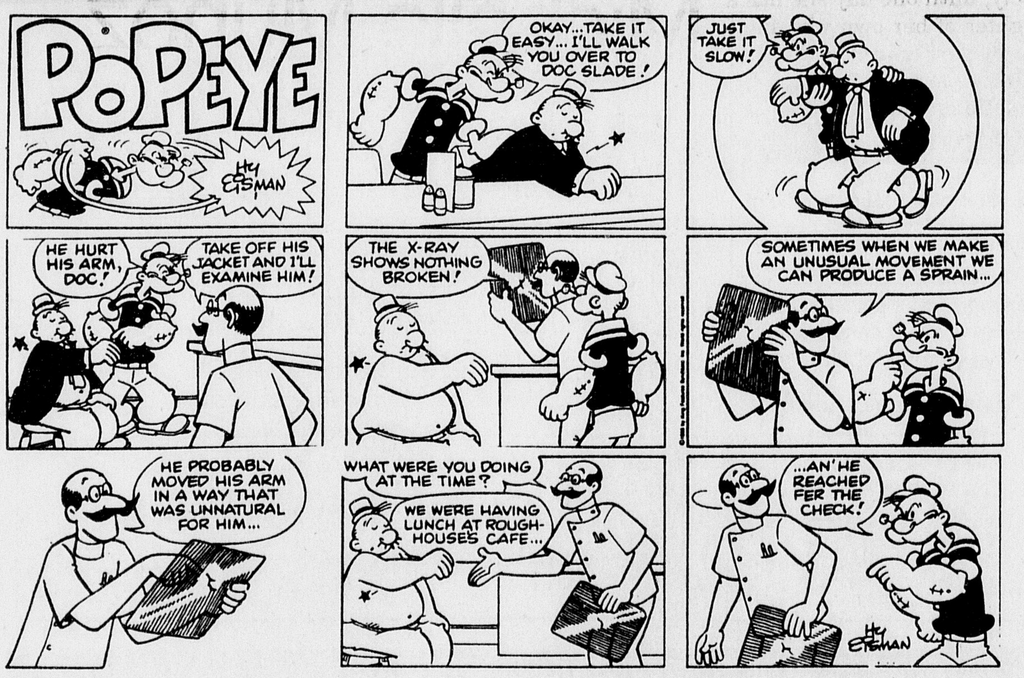


BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL

I ASKED GRANDMA FOR ANOTHER COOKIE, AND SHE ASKED ME WHAT THE MAGIC WORD WAS – SO I SAID, NOW!
WAS THAT IT?!
NO. IT WAS, PLEASE!
CHEECH! YOU MUST HAVE FELT LIKE YOU WERE ON A GAME SHOW!

BRINGING UP FATHER
by FRANK JOHNSON
Z
YOU'VE BEEN LAYING ON THAT SOFA ALL DAY LONG!
BIMMY, YOU'RE A LAZY USELESS, WORTHLESS, NO-ACCOUNT BUM!
THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU, JIGGS, YOU UNDERSTAND ME!
I'M GETTING HUNGRY! IT'S TIME TO VISIT WITH ROTUNDA!
HOW'S THE MEAT LOAF, ROTUNDA?
THE MEAT LOAFS THE SAME WAY YOU DO!
IT LAYS AROUND ALL DAY UNTIL IT'S TIME TO EAT!


POPEYE
Hey Eisman
OKAY...TAKE IT EASY... I'LL WALK YOU OVER TO DOC SLADE!
JUST TAKE IT SLOW!
HE HURT HIS ARM, DOC!
TAKE OFF HIS JACKET AND I'LL EXAMINE HIM!
THE X-RAY SHOWS NOTHING BROKEN!
SOMETIMES WHEN WE MAKE AN UNUSUAL MOVEMENT WE CAN PRODUCE A SPRAIN...
HE PROBABLY MOVED HIS ARM IN A WAY THAT WAS UNNATURAL FOR HIM...
WHAT WERE YOU DOING AT THE TIME?
WE WERE HAVING LUNCH AT ROUGH-HOUSES CAFE...
...AN' HE REACHED FER THE CHECK!
Hy Eisman

PREPARE TO DIE, EARTHLING.
NOT JUST YET...
FLASH GORDON
HAVING BARELY SURVIVED THE DARK DIMENSION, DAZED, DISORIENTED, FLASH STANDS DEFENSELESS AS HIS UNKNOWN ASSASSINS APPROACH!
YOU CALLED ME "EARTHLING", THEN YOU KNOW WHO I AM, WHO ARE YOU AND WHERE AM I?!
INSOLENT AS EVER.
I AM GARAKAHN.
THIS FORTRESS HOLDS THE REMNANTS OF THOSE STILL LOYAL TO OUR LORD, MING.
WE WAIT, EVER VIGILANT, FOR HIS TRIUMPHANT RETURN AS THE TRUE AND RIGHTFUL RULER OF ALL OF MONGO!
JIM KEEFE 2-18
YOU'RE ALL MAD! MING'S DEAD!
HERETIC! YOUR HEAD SHALL ADORN MING'S SCEPTER!
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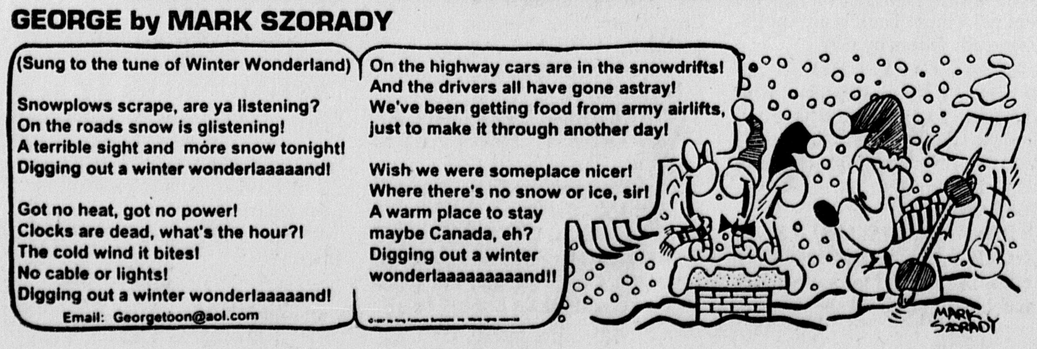
NEVER!
NO... THE MIRROR! HELP ME! NO... NO...
NOOOO
GORDON'S ESCAPING! SOUND THE ALARM!
NEXT: THE FORTRESS OF DOOM!

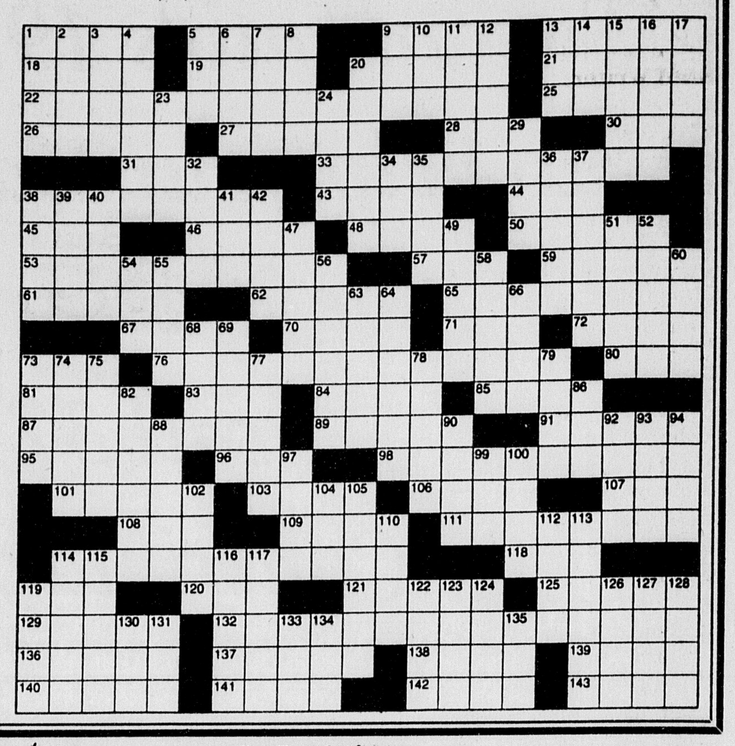
GEORGE by MARK SZORADY


(Sung to the tune of Winter Wonderland)
Snowplows scrape, are ya listening?
On the roads snow is glistening!
A terrible sight and more snow tonight!
Digging out a winter wonderlaaaaand!
Got no heat, got no power!
Clocks are dead, what's the hour?!
The cold wind it bites!
No cable or lights!
Digging out a winter wonderlaaaaand!
Email: Georgetoon@aol.com
On the highway cars are in the snowdrifts!
And the drivers all have gone astray!
We've been getting food from army airlifts,
just to make it through another day!
Wish we were someplace nicer!
Where there's no snow or ice, sir!
A warm place to stay
maybe Canada, eh?
Digging out a winter
wonderlaaaaaaaaand!!
MARK SZORADY

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Trudge
5 "Sweeney —"
9 Tree spray
13 Schnauzer feature
18 — -de-camp
19 Nautical adverb
20 Isolated
21 Strong suit
22 Banshee country star?
25 Masai, e.g.
26 Lipstick mishap
27 Moses' brother
28 Antique auto
30 This instant
31 Beatty or Sparks
33 Easy-going country star?
38 Lampooned
43 Director Kazan
44 "— culpa"
45 Neighbor of Tenn.
46 Waldorf-Astoria muralist
48 Pierce
50 Fills to the gills
53 Monarch's favorite country star?
57 Plopped down
59 Range rope
61 Electrical inventor
62 Category
65 Kind of pastry
67 South American capital
70 Cutlet meat
71 U.N. branch
72 Diamond or Armstrong
73 Business abbr.
76 Wimpy country star?
80 — -Cat (winter wheels)
81 Like most colleges
83 Orthodontists' org.
84 Helen of Troy's mom
85 Grandpa McCoy
87 Stated strongly
89 McCarthy's trunk-mate
91 Type of thread
95 Peachy-keen
96 Transgression
98 Sandwich-loving country star?
101 Slobber
103 Absorbed
106 French fries, often
107 Zhou En- —
108 Dos Passos trilogy
109 Jogger's gait
111 Nomad
114 Hefty country star?
118 Health club
119 Sky light?
120 — Dawn Chong
121 Tag
125 Rub out
129 "— la vista"
132 Animal-loving country star?
136 Each's partner
137 Adds fringe
138 Formal ceremony
139 Bad day for Caesar
140 Tacitus' tongue
141 — precedent
142 Painter Paul
143 Mean Marquis

DOWN
1 Cat's "dogs"
2 Actor Neeson
3 Garfield's pal
4 Part of FDR
5 Light brown
6 Gymnast Korbut
7 — vu
8 Forest beauty
9 Clay, today
10 Actor Chaney
11 Fuming
12 Mend
13 Marshal Masterson
14 Slip up
15 Acid type
16 Automaton
17 Actress Barrymore
20 History
23 Incensed
24 "Johnny One —"
29 Resistance units
32 — brakes
34 Cambridge univ.
35 "Serpico" author Peter
36 Wish and wish
37 Reformer Carry
38 Head line?
39 Burn remedy
40 Charles and Stevens
41 Slippery character?
42 Race a jalopy
47 Roman fountain
49 Tie-dye relative
51 Pigeon hangouts
52 Oktoberfest vessel
54 Half and half?
55 Hideaway
56 Prepares to propose
58 Oklahoma city
60 Singer Guthrie
63 Sapporo soup
64 Left out
66 Space
68 Castle ditch
69 Llama turf
73 "Not if — help it!"
74 Sniffed
75 Romero or Chavez
77 Lowest point
78 Penates' pals
79 Actress Negri
82 Circuitous course
86 Tynemouth title
88 Perch
90 554, to Tiberius
92 Normandy site
93 Cash on credit
94 Markey or Bagnold
97 West. alliance
99 Journalist Tarbell
100 Tightens the tent
102 Bolger/Haley co-star
104 Paid player
105 "The Autobiography of Alice B. —"
110 Godunov, e.g.
112 Did a Little bit?
113 "The Dating Game" producer
114 Tropical fruit
115 Atlas feature
116 Woods dwellers?
117 English novelist Charles
119 Author/illustrator Silverstein
122 Canine cry
123 Runner Zatopek
124 Tardy
126 Radames' love
127 Runners carry it
128 "So what — is new?"
130 Cycle starter
131 Writer Rand
133 Mil. group
134 Arthur of "Maude"
135 Society-page word



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MagicMaze

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Y W R K U S N Q P C S L N L W
J U H F S T E U E O C I A Y A
G X V U S S I Q O A P C V N L
M K J H F E R E H C A E T D C
B Z Y X V U F T R H Q P O M A

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Vision Teaser

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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By L. Owing Mankoff

DIRECTIONS:

Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
- Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge

Time 10 Minutes 7 Seconds

Your Working

Time ____ Minutes ____ Seconds

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	7				29
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OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING

NOW SMEAR THAT SPAGHETTI ALL OVER YOUR FACE AND I'LL FILM YOU AND WE'LL MAKE BIG BUCKS FROM THAT HOME VIDEO SHOW!!
BUT SHOULDN'T IT BE SPONTANEOUS??
OKAY, SMEAR THAT SPONTANEOUS ALL OVER YOUR FACE AND I'LL FILM YOU AND WE'LL MAKE BIG BUCKS FROM THAT HOME VIDEO SHOW!

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MS robs RC of valued teacher

Ms. Susan Johnson, social science teacher and Activities Director accepts transfer to Independent study

By Alyssa Murphy
Staff Writer

Ms. Johnson has been a social science teacher here at River City for six years and Activities Director for four years. These four years of spontaneity had always prepared Ms. Johnson for surprises, but the news she heard about herself many months ago was extremely unsettling.

"It's a goofy disease," Ms. Johnson says about her diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, a disease that over 300,000 Americans alone suffer from. In MS, brain and/or spinal cord tissue hardens resulting in partial or complete paralysis and muscle tremor. Ms. Johnson describes what it feels like as "when your hand goes to sleep - tingling all over and rubberbands snapping."

It's not known what causes MS, and it can hit anyone at anytime. "I feel fortunate to be older when getting it. I don't feel like I've missed anything," Ms. Johnson comments because she knows of many people diagnosed with this disease in their early twenties who haven't had all the opportunities and experiences she has had.

There are two types of this disease, minimal or progressive. Because Ms. Johnson's disease is progressive, she has decided it would be in her best interest to leave River City and the hectic days here that make MS symptoms worse. "It makes it hurt," Ms. Johnson says. "You can't see it, but it's the internalization. Especially in Leadership with all the different days and decisions, it raises the stress level. You have to simplify your life."

And that's what Ms. Johnson is doing. After winter break, Ms. Johnson will no longer be on campus. She has accepted a job as an independent study instructor at Yolo High. "Leaving the faculty and kids here will be the hardest," Ms. Johnson explained. "I'm a people person, but my goal is to slow it down."

> ***"Through life, one must always keep a sense of humor, regardless of what you're enduring."***
>
> ***-- Ms. Johnson***

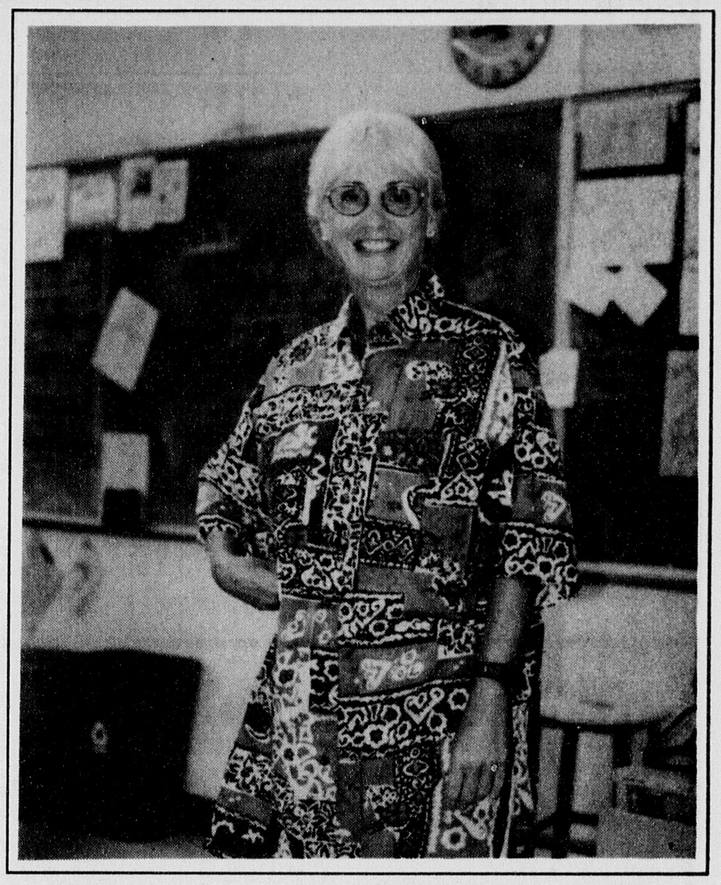
Ms. Johnson feels strongly that mental attitude "affects the physical condition, also." She doesn't intend to give up.

Although Ms. Johnson has to cut down on her usual active schedule, she can still keep mobile by walking and swimming. "I can't climb Mt. Everest, but who cares!" Ms. Johnson commented. She'll have to cut activities she once enjoyed, but "I can still ride my water bike," Ms. Johnson added.

The experiences Ms. Johnson has had working with the faculty here and the students have better prepared her for this disease, she feels. "I'm always ready for surprises. I know it's not always going to be easy," she says. "The life skills I've acquired have helped tremendously."

We can all learn from Ms. Johnson's example. "Through life, one must always keep a sense of humor, regardless of what you're enduring," Ms. Johnson concluded.

Ms. Johnson has left a deep impression on the minds and hearts of many here at River City and will continue to do so on a lower key at Yolo. She intends to continue to help with student government. Ms. Johnson's leadership students, in particular, are saying, "What will we do without you?" Ms. Johnson tells them, "I'm just a phone call away."



Ms. Johnson keeps on smiling in her busy classroom at RC.

Peer Educators spread the word

By Courtney Myers
Staff Writer

Our world is carrying a very deadly virus known as HIV. There is no cure. One way to protect yourself is by educating yourself on the issue. Fortunately, our campus has a group of students dedicated to helping other students better understand the HIV virus and its transmission. This group is called HIV Peer Educators.

On December 5 and 6, the HIV Peer Educators shared their knowledge with Mr. Rackley's Family Life Education classes. HIV Peer Educator Alicia Pruitt said, "I think it went well and I hope we got our point across." The HIV Peer Educators used different activities to show the students how easy it is to get the virus.

One activity in particular stood out. It started with a few students being brought outside and getting their hands sprayed with some light sensitive spray. Then the students were sent back into class and everyone was told to shake hands with three or four other people. By the end of the period, over 50% of the students "had the virus." Fortunately, all the students had to do was to wash their hands to get rid of the virus, but in real life it is a lot more serious.

This is the point the peer educators were trying to make, that it can happen to anyone and with as little as one contact.

Ms. Jennifer Flynn is the new adviser for the Peer Educators. If you would like more information, contact Ms. Flynn in Room 14.

Top 20 Things To Do over Winter Break

The Staff of ***The Review*** would like to wish you a happy holiday season this year. We hope that you enjoy the time of from school, we know we will! See you next year.

20. See It's a Wonderful Life at the Crest Theatre
19. Make noise on New Year's Eve
18. Take a quiet walk by yourself
17. Attend a Christmas parade
16. Go ice skating at Downtown Plaza
15. Go Christmas caroling
14. Look at Christmas lights
13. Bake cookies and things
12. Volunteer at Loaves and Fishes
11. Give your parents a gift - leave them alone
10. Go to the Railroad Museum
9. Go to the Children's Receiving Home
8. Go see a movie
7. Clean your room
6. Read a good book
5. Shop the day after Christmas
4. Keep a New Year's resolution
3. Learn how to ski/snowboard
2. Play in the snow
1. Kiss someone under the mistletoe

Thespians gear up for *Kindertransport*

By Ailysha Taylor
Staff Writer

Haven't seen a good play in years? Well plan to see *Kindertransport*, on February 27 and 28 and March 1,6,7 and 8 at Yolo High School. This play will be performed by a group of remarkable River City teens.

Kindertransport is set back in the 1940's. The name *Kindertransport* is self-explanatory. The play is about a young German-Jewish girl who is forced to move to England in 1939 with a British family to save her life from the dangerous grasp of the Nazis.

The young girl grows up thinking she's an English woman and loses her Jewish heritage completely, until one day she has a daughter of her own who finds lost papers concerning her mother's past. To find out the dramatic ending you'll have to view it for your self.

I know every one of you kindhearted people will appreciate something with a little culture and taste.

Kindertransport will be performed by: Joseph Mejia as the ratcatcher, Jacqueline White as Eva, Sarah Templin as Helga, Ashley Carrol as Evelyn, Leticia Valenzuela as Faith, and Alyssa Murphy as Lil.

A bit of magic at RC

23 RC students competed in a week long tournament

By Christopher Cardoza
Staff Writer

Magic! It is sweeping RC at an alarming rate. Students are doing it before school, during class, during lunch and after school. It has swept River City so quickly that it had its second tournament this past November, with Aaron Potnick coming out the winner.

You might be asking yourself, "Have the students at River City become witches and warlocks?" The answer is no, they are simply playing the hottest new game to hit RC in a while.

Magic is a fantasy game in which players battle each other to the death,figuratively speaking. Each player starts with 20 life points and they use creatures, spells and artifacts to attack other players.

While Magic is an equal opportunity game, Amanda McCurdy is the only girl who entered the tournament. Amanda got started playing Magic by watching her friends play it. Instead of feeling left out, she learned how to play. Amanda would like to see more girls on campus play Magic.

The tournament began the week of November 18. Magic players from across RC gathered in Room 47 to do combat. 23 players in all fought during the week to see who would come out the best Magic player here at RC. At the end of the week after the dust had settled Aaron Potnick stood alone as the tournament champion. Aaron recived $45 in prize money.

Renaissance pays

Christopher Cardoza
Staff Writer

The price of admission for the Renaissance movie and pizza party on December 13 was a pair of new socks. The socks will go to the Mustard Seed School for Homeless Children.

This is an annual donation by Renaissance, and is the fourth year that Renaissance students have donated socks.

This year the students watched *The Santa Clause* and enjoyed pizza and sodas.

Ms. Green and the other Renaissance coordinators would like to thank all the Renaissance students for their good work, good citizenship, good attendance and good manners.

RC Financial Aid Night

There will be a financial aid workshop for seniors and their parents on Wednesday, January 15, at 7pm in the RC library. Private companies will be presenting information on financial aid.

Michelle Munoz honored by WEX

From the RC career and counseling staff

The Work Experience class at River City is growing every month. Currently there are nearly 50 juniors and seniors who are taking four or five regular classes and recieving 10 units of credit by being involved in Work Experience (WEX).

Each month we are going to feature a WEX Student of the month beginning in December of 1996. This student chosen by the career and counseling staff will have demonstrated exemplary attitude, attendance, and work behaviors at school and on the job.

The first student to recieve this honor is Michelle Munoz. Michelle has been in the WEX program for two years working at Round Table Pizza, JC Produce, and currently at Club Fresh Market.

Michelle has consistently recieved outstanding evaluations but was laid off from the accounting department of JC Produce in October. However, she had performed her tasks so well that her supervisor recommended her to the manager of Club Fresh, who hired her immediately for their accounting department.

Congratulations, Michelle, for a job well done.

RC staff honored for service to the district

By Rishi Sharma
News and Opinion Editor

On December 5, sixteen RC staff members were honored for their tenure of service to the Washington Unified School District. The times of service ranged from five years to thirty years. Staff members received pins and certificates.

The staff members who were honored for five years of service were Mr. Louis Gallego, foreign language teacher, Mr. Timothy Hanagan, vocational education teacher, Ms. Delores Henson, music teacher, Ms. Carol Higgins, math teacher, Ms. Susan Johnson, social science teacher, Ms. Jennifer Leifson, LEP teacher, Ms. Genna Miller, school nurse, and Mr. Spencer Yarwood, vocational education teacher.

Ms. Deborah Hearn, campus aide, was the only staff member from RC honored for ten years of service.

Ms. Mary Cottor, special education teacher, Ms. Monika Poirier, Vice Principal's secretary, and Ms. Cristina Romero, computer specialist, were honored for fifteen years of service to the district.

Ms. Cora Hocker, data processing specialist, was honored for twenty years of service. Mr. Vincent LoForte, science teacher, was honored for twenty-five years of service, and finally, Mr. Richard Anderson, custodian, and Mr. Stanley Logan, science teacher, were honored for thirty years of service to the Washington Unified School District.

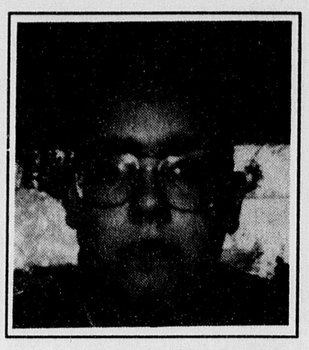
Features

Question on the Quad

Question on the Quad is back once again! We have a holiday flair this month, because our question is, "What is your New Year's Resolution?" As you can see, RC students sure have a lot of "resolve!"

To find my knight in shining armor.

-Leticia Farris

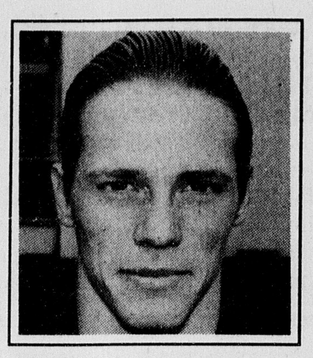


To get with Claudia Schiffer.

-James Owens

To go to Mars, and find and marry Marvin the Martian.

-Ryma DeLaTorre



To get my liscense and finally drive legally.

-Joe Portwood

RC grad back as bookkeeper

By Barbara Silveira
Staff Writer

This year Shannon Bozeman has a new job. She is River City's new bookkeeper with responsibility for the student body funds, including charge of deposits and disbursements.

Shannon said "I like my job. I like it a lot." She said that there is never a moment in any day that she is bored; there is always a crisis or something going wrong. She absolutely doesn't know what to expect next. Previously, Shannon worked for two years as a food server/cook for RC.

Shannon is a continuing student at Sacramento City College, where she is studying Business and Accounting and Child Development. She has put her education on hold for the moment though, so she can learn her job better.

Shannon was born in Southern California. When she was seventeen, she moved from home so that she could finish school. Shannon ended up at River City, graduating a year early. After graduating, Shannon went back home to Southern California, moving back to West Sacramento two years later. She has been here for the past 13 years and for seven has been happily marrried. She has a seven year old daughter she absolutely adores.

Before her daughter was born, Shannon worked at a Holiday Inn for the accounting department. Afterward, Shannon stayed home for 5 years. She said, "I became a housewife."

Some of Shannon's hobbies are gardening and listening to music. She is also very active with her daughter's swim team, the West Sac Dolphins. She hopes to have a great year and hopes things will keep going as they are at the moment.

New teacher likes our diversity at RC

By Ailysha Taylor
Staff Writer

Standing next to someone who is six feet tall and 220 pounds can be quite intimidating or maybe even downright scary, especially if you're only 4'11 3\4" tall, but Mr. McIntyre's wonderful, outstanding, humorous personality soon puts you at ease.

Mr. McIntyre's personal history is more unique than anything else. Mr. McIntyre got married, graduated from college, and had a baby boy (not in that order) all in the same year, 1993. Most of the McIntyre family spends time fishing or they do a little hunting. (Only vicious, wild, dangerous animals, he assured me!)

Mr. McIntyre graduated from Sac State with a masters degree and a teaching supplement in math and physical education and a bunch of other important educational stuff that's needed to become a teacher of some kind.

I asked Mr. McIntyre what he likes best about River City. He smiled and answered, "The diversity of the students, being able to reach out to all types of kids, can be good for a person's aura."

When I asked Mr. McIntyre about the funniest thing he's ever seen or done here at River City in his year as a business teacher, you should have seen the outrageous smile followed by a frantic frenzy of laughter. After a minute or two he regained enough air to say, "Well, let me think!" (But we have yet to hear an answer.)

How does Mr. McIntyre feel about the educational system? "If students aren't learning what they need to get ahead in life and they just move them along just to keep them with students their own age, then they will have a high school senior with the intelligence of a six-year-old," he said.

Leaving Mr. McIntyre's room, I felt confident that nothing bad is going to happen while Mr. McIntyre is around.

Thank you, Mr. McIntyre, for your cooperation. Welcome to River City!

Theater Review

A Christmas Carol is brought to life

By Barbara Silveira
Staff Writer

Everyone has seen Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Everyone knows about Ebenezer Scrooge. So why pay good money to watch another *Christmas Carol*? I'll tell you why. This *Christmas Carol* is LIVE at the Sacramento Theater Company.

Watching this wonderful play, one gets the sense of being there, back in time, watching what's going on. In this *Christmas Carol* the characters come to life, because the actors are right there in front of you. What's more, there is singing and dancing. Some of the familiar songs are the *First Noel*, *Home at Christmastide*, and *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen*. There's also original music and dancing.

Also, this play had the best Ghost of Christmas Present I have ever seen out of all the *Christmas Carol*s. The Ghost is alive. You get a sense of merriment and laughter, all the emotions and feelings usually associated with the Spirit of Christmas.

If you want to do something great this holiday season, go on down to the Sacramento Theater Company and see magic in the making, at 1419 H Street, Sacramento, before December 29th. Shows are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, at 2 and 7 p.m. For more details call 443-6722.

Author talks to RC students

By Barbara Sherwood
Staff Writer

On November 19, author Jerry Stanley visited River City to talk about his books, *Children Of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp; I am an American: A True Story of Japanese Internment;* and *Big Annie of Calumet: A True Story of the Industrial Revolution*. In preparation, River City's librarian Mrs. Singal loaned several copies of each book to history teachers, and made copies available in the library.

Jerry Stanley's books are historically-based, telling stories of people who were involved in the events around which the books revolve. Mr. Stanley said, "What I try to do is to tell a story rather than write history."

During his sessions, Mr. Stanley concentrated on *Children of the Dust Bowl* and *I am an American*, discussing one book each session. Mr. Stanley was an interesting speaker who clearly enjoyed discussing his books. They have won numerous awards, and *Children of the Dust Bowl* is being made into a movie called *Harvest*, starring Kevin Costner. This announcement got listeners' attention fast and many questions were asked on how much money he would get and when it would be made.

Mr. Stanley gave his audience a quick lesson on movie rights, up-front money and his right to select where he wants *Harvest* previewed, which is the Fox Theater in Kern County, where in a twist of historical irony, a sign used to hang saying "Okies sit in the balcony."

Students and teachers who attended had an insightful experience. Said Gabby Salas, "I think everything he said was funny. He's an interesting person."

Mrs. Singal had a similar opinion, saying,"I think it was very informative and made a positive impact."

Movie Review

Star Trek travels through time to save the world

By Jessica Honsinger
Senior Editor

I am not the typical science fiction fan. I have one thing to say, though. *Star Trek: First Contact* is an amazing movie that anyone (well, the sane ones, anyway) will enjoy.

Anyone who has seen an episode of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* knows about the Borg, the big, bad, evil dudes of the universe. The movie centers around them and their quest to take over the universe. Since they couldn't take over Earth in the 24th century, the Borg decide to go back in time to the mid-21st century and take over then (the day before the first human travels at warp speed), therefore making all other *Star Trek* movies void. Not good.

This seems like lights out for humanity, right? Not quite! Following the Borg is The USS Enterprise, with Captian Jean-Luc Picard leading his crew to whoop up on some Borg bootie. And they do.

I won't ruin the movie for you by telling you the ending, because that would be rude. I will tell you, however, that Worf is awesome. Go see the movie and you'll know what I mean. But if you see a half-metal person walking towards you afterwards, do one thing. RUN AWAY.

If you enjoy good music, go to the winter concert! It is at River City on December 19 at 7:30 pm. Admission is $.50, or a can of food. The food will be donated to a local food closet. Performers include RC's band, chorus, madrigals, and the Black Jets percussion ensemble.

Mr. Wagner poses with his quadricycle (Photo by Eric Cieri)

The bike man cometh

Sub teacher builds cycles

By Eric Cieri
Staff Writer

It's called a quadricycle, but if you see it, the only way to describe the twist of tires, handlebars, and bicycle frames is extraordinary.

Created by River City's own substitute teacher Mr. Wagner, this quadricycle is worth up to $1,200, and it has already been ridden 150 miles by Mr. Wagner himself.

Mr. Wagner has been building cycles since 8th grade when his father introduced him to what Mr. Wagner calls "an art form." Mr. Wagner also enjoys making other interesting cycle creations such as bouncing scooters, unicycles, and three-man tandems.

Mr. Wagner has sold more than 30 bikes all over the world, ranging from old fashioned high wheelers to upside-down bikes. "If I see something interesting I build it," said Mr. Wagner. This interest that he finds in cycles is what motivates him never to stop doing what he does best.

Jessica's Braindrips

Being Senior Editor of the paper has bonuses. One is getting space to empty out the junk that's been floating around my mind all month into a semi-organized format. I get to do this every month, too! Wait, maybe it's just a creative way to fill space...never mind.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...I THINK

On the day that this is published, I will be less than one week from turning eighteen, that magical age when suddenly you switch from a child to an adult. So I was wondering: what makes eighteen so darn special?

Just think about it. Why does eighteen hold such power? What makes it such a special number? When you're seventeen, you get to drive. Whee. But the moment you turn eighteen, all of a sudden you can do all this...stuff.

The day before your eighteenth birthday, you're a minor. You can't gamble, not even the lottery. You can't buy cigarettes. You can't enter any of the good national contests, for money and cars and other such goodies. You can't even vote on laws that will affect you the next day. But the day you turn eighteen... BOOM. You'd better duck, because things will be flying at your head, and they all have attitude.

Don't get me wrong, I'm looking forward to my birthday. It means that I can vote (I missed the big elections by a month and a half! WAAAHHH!). I can finally enter the Publisher's Clearing House sweepstakes (because I may already be a winner!). It also means if I were inclined (okay, desperate enough) to, I could place a personal ad. Thank God I have a boyfriend! On my birthday, I'm going out and buying a pack of cigarettes and a lottery ticket simply because I can. (Then I'll sell the cigarettes to the highest bidder.)

But none of this has answered my question. Why is eighteen the all-powerful age? I guess it's just "one of those things," and "those things" are always annoying. Oh, well. Happy holidays. Watch out, though, because there are some new adults out there, and we mean business.

Anyone have the number for a psychic hotline?

Sports and Activities

Lady Raiders up and running

By Alyssa Murphy
Staff Writer

The winter sports have arrived and the varsity girls' basketball team is having a good year. Led by Coach Brite, the Lady Raiders were 2 and 4 in the Golden Empire League as of December 13.

Captains are Melissa Aguilar and Cathy Leal who are both excited about this year's team. Aguilar comments, "Team spirit is up, the drive is up, and in turn, our scores are up." Offensively, the team has worked together to have some fairly close games. Leading the offense is Andrea Uribe with a maximum of twenty points in a recent game.

The Lady Raiders will have participated in the Linden tournament by press time and are scheduled to compete in the Rio Linda tournament December 19-21.

The Lady Raiders are Debbie Phayboun, Marie Vasi, Danielle Meaux, Tashawna Sumner, Cathy Leal, Melissa Aguilar, Trina Zimmerman, Stephanie Hasson, and Andrea Uribe. Wish them luck as they take on the Rio Linda tournament.

Men's varsity has high hopes for b-ball season

By Josh Branham
Staff Writer

River City varsity basketball is going into the Golden Empire League 96-97 season with high hopes. Coach Jon West says, " The team's goal is to win the league championship." Coach West feels that the team must beat Encina, Colfax, and Marysville in order to take the top spot in the G.E.L.

Every varsity basketball team's dream is to make playoffs and win them. Coach West believes the team has a good chance at making the playoffs. The G.E.L. season starts in January, and league play makes up 70% of whether the team makes the playoffs. Coach West says that no one player, but the whole team must step up in order to get there.

The team is 5-2, as of December 13. The Raiders entered the Argonaut Tournament in the first week of December, but lost their first game to Galt by 10. They went on to win the rest of their games in the tournament and take the consolation.

The players are #31 Mark Munsinger, #22 Chet Perrigo, #23 Victor Valdivia, #21 Brian Sidhu, #11 Chris Hasegawa, #14 Abba Singh, #35 Will Welcher, #33 Andrew Odor, #13 Miguel Orozco, #15 Victor Mischenko, #24 Jaimes Timas (injured), #20 Clancey Dollard, #32 Freeman Keophet, and #34 James Johnson.

New math teacher musically inclined

Ms. Home plays recorder to relax

By David Williams
Staff Writer

Ms. Heather Home is a new teacher at River City. She has just finished the teaching program at Burch Lane in Davis and Bryte in West Sacramento.

Ms. Home went to U.C. Berkeley for her undergraduate studies and U.C. Davis for her teaching credentials. She teaches math and science.

Ms. Home thinks the most pressing issue in education today is class size, how to meet the needs of the students, and funding.

Living in Scotland and going to school there when she was ten was one of the things she has enjoyed the most in her life. She enjoyed the people, the country, and just being somewhere that is different from California and the U.S.

For entertainment Miss Home enjoys cycling, swimming, playing tennis and skiing, now that winter is approaching. She also enjoys listening to live music and going to movies and cafes with friends. This helps her to relax. Sometimes she plays folk music on the recorder.

Ms. Home likes many things about River City. "Mainly I like the people, both the students and staff," she says. Asked what she thinks are the most important things she teaches, Ms. Home said,
"I think...respect and responsibility as well as a little math and science."

Have a great winter break!

Clubs and Activities

RENAISSANCE

Had sock collecting pizza and movie party on Dec. 13. Thank you to anyone who brought socks.

MOCK TRIAL

Practicing for the competition on Jan. 28 and 30 and Feb. 1, 1997.

KEY CLUB

Continuing their volunteer work around the community. If you have any questions, contact Rishi Sharma.

FRENCH CLUB

Putting together their own canned food drive. If interested, contact Ms. Connolly in room 51.

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Based on science and math.

New coach sees wrestling promise

By Jorge Melendez
Staff Writer

Following Coach Brill's resignation, Mr.Miller, a new math teacher at RCHS, is now the wrestling coach.

"Mr. Miller is the perfect replacement as coach because of his experience in wrestling," said senior Joseph Portwood, veteran Raider wrestler.

Mr.Miller is highly experienced in wrestling. Wrestling has been a family sport ranging from father to sons. Before River City, Mr. Miller coached at Serrano High School in Southern California.

He says he coaches wrestling because it is and has been his favorite sport, and because he enjoys working with student athletes of River City.

Mr.Miller looks forward to the season. He said, "We have good guys coming back, but we also have many young rookies. I am very optimistic about the season."

Mr.Miller's main goals are to win league championships, and he would like to have a couple of wrestlers go to state championships.

The jv team traveled to Amador High School for a tournament on December 7 and showed lots of promise. River City's Lazar Suprun took a first place, Chris Kesner took a second place, Jacob Brown third place, Joel Kinney a fourth, and Juan Gonzales also took a fourth place.

New teacher never stopped studying

Mr. Rykk has interest in ancient cultures

By Lisa Galvez
Staff Writer

There are many new teachers at River City this year, and one of them is Mr. Rykk Wollam, who prefers to be known as Mr. Rykk. Mr. Rykk teaches special education classes. He previously worked at Golden State Middle School for four years. He says that although he misses the staff there, he is enjoying River City so far.

Mr. Rykk is particually impressed with River City's leadership class. He likes how the students get involved with the school, and get to make choices concerning the school.

Speaking of school, Mr. Rykk attended college at Los Angeles City College, American River College and Sacramento City College. He has a master's in special education.

Mr. Rykk feels the most pressing issue in education today is appropriate education strategies for teachers to use, because students have many different needs and learning styles. He also feels the most important thing he teaches his students is responsibility and to have tolerance for other people.

Mr. Rykk's interest's are writing, gardening and studying ancient cultures. In Mr.Rykk's spare time he likes to sketch floor plans and go to the movies. The next time you see Mr. Rykk stop and chat. You may have something in common, because he seems to be interested in everything.

Counselor makes a difference

By Amanda Valdez
Staff Writer

Susan Gossard is River City High School's newest counselor. You might know her as the former outreach specialist from last year. Mrs. Gossard has a bachelors degree in social science from Chico State, her teaching credential, and she has almost finished getting her masters degree for counseling from Sacramento State.

She loves her new job as a counselor because of all the interaction with the students. Mrs. Gossard says it's different in some ways because it's always changing, and there are new challenges that students are facing every day. It's also demanding to have 400 new students and to give each one personal attention. She says it's great, though, because she loves working with people. Asked what she likes best about her students, she said, "When I see students trying to accomplish something, or achieve a goal, and see their excitement, it's great because I'm somehow a part of that."

She also told me that she gets along great with the other counselors, and appreciates how patient they were in the beginning with her. She thinks that they make a really good and strong counseling team.

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Men's jv b-ball off to slow start

By Joe Dastagirzada
Staff Writer

This year's jv basketball team has a record of 1-6 so far in the season under Coach Jamie King.

They lost their first game against Christian Brothers at home, lost their second at Folsom, lost their third at home vs Laguna Creek.

At the Argonaut tournament, the Raiders lost their first game, won their second, and lost their third. Raiders also lost at Mesa Verde on Tuesday December 10.

This year's jv players are #10 Sal Aceves, #13 Kham Insixiengmay, #14 Masood Sameyee who is on the injured list, #15 Radai Mashriqi, #20 Matt Sidhu, #21 Tipu Alam, #22 Frank Valdez, #23 Ramphanh Keomek, #24 Sean O'Neill, #25 Mike Saldana, #30 Juan Rubio, #31 Sanjoason Keophet, #32 Alfredo Rodriguez, #11 Dominique Alpers and #12 Steve Macias.

Mr. Whittemore's new secretary finds RC fun

By Jennifer Cranfield
Staff Writer

Have you entered Mr. Whittemore's office and wondered how he keeps so organized? Your answer is right outside his door: Monika Poirier. Ms. Poirier, who prefers to be called Monika, is one of the many reasons River City's office is so welcoming. Without her help, Mr. Whittemore's office would be full of paperwork stacked a mile high and he would probably have no time to check up on students.

Monika was born and raised in West Sacramento and attended Washington High School. She was in the class of '78, the last class to graduate before Washington became River City High School.

Monika is married and has three children: Kenny,10, Stephan, 3 and her baby Selena who is 11 months.

Asked if she were awarded vacation time for two weeks what she would do and who she would do it with, Monika replied, "I would be gone! Without my kids I would travel to see the historical sites. With my kids, I would go to a place like Disney World."

Being the vice principal's secretary has its ups and downs, but Monika seems to be handling the job just fine. According to her, the students at River City are wonderful, and in the future she would think about sending her children here because the staff and students make the school fun and exciting.

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? They are on sale for $40 in the quad both lunches. Buy before winter break and get your name engraved free!

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Student-Athletes of the Month:

JENNIFER NEWKIRK, the "voice of River City" who announces the daily bulletin, is a varsity cheerleader. She has a 4.3 GPA and plans to attend CSUS, attending to her "passion" of speech and debate.

MARK MUNSINGER, a six foot, six inch basketball player, carries a 3.5 GPA. He plans to go to college but has not yet chosen a school.

ANDREA URIBE plays basketball, volleyball and softball and maintains a 3.625 GPA. She has received scholarship offers from San Diego, Portland and Sierra Costa J.C.

DAVID WENNEKER plays football and wrestles for River City, but his favorite sport is football. He plays offensive tackle. He holds a 3.65 GPA and hopes to attend American River College or Humboldt State.

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Second grade students visit RC

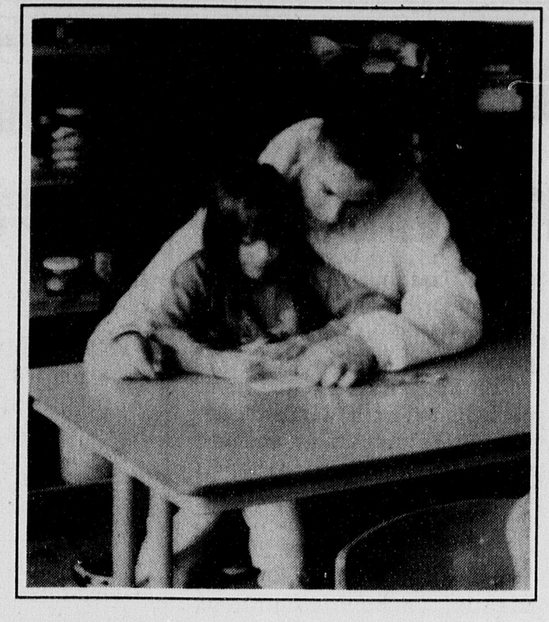
Mr. and Mrs. Logan team up to teach second grade students and biology students about plant propagation

By Patricia Huckabay
Staff Writer

Mr. and Mrs. Logan teamed up recently to teach her second graders and his biology class about plant propagation. Students from Mrs. Logan's class came over during 6th period Friday, December 6. This is the third year that Mrs. Logan's class will have come to River City two or three times to work with high school science students.

On their most recent visit, Mrs. Logan's second grade class buddied up with Mr. Logan's biology class to propagate geraniums. Propagation is when you cut a plant and plant the node in soil. RC student Sarah Lewis observed, "It was a learning experience."

Look forward to seeing more second graders. They will be back.



Left: Michelle Drew (left) and Kimberly Anderson learn together.
Above: Concentration is the key.

Wrestling coach resigns

Mr. Brill describes past years as rewarding

By Jorge Melendez
Staff Writer

Physical Education teacher Mr. Clint Brill describes his six years before resigning as RC's wrestling coach as being challenging and rewarding. During his tenure, RC's wrestling team has gone from losing all matches to tying for first place in league and having two wrestlers go to states for the past three years.

"Most importantly, we have improved the attitudes of students towards wrestling and instilled in these athletes the belief that a hard work ethic improves performance not only on the mat, but in everything they do in life," stated Mr. Brill.

Mr. Brill extremely regrets leaving the coaching position, but had to. The lack of an assistant coach, though he had been asking for one since 1993, meant Mr. Brill had to attend every weekend wrestling tournament. This conflicted with his outside job teaching wrestling seminars across California. Mr. Brill said, "It is my opinion that in order for our team to continue to excel, an assistant coach is needed."

Ten most nifty gifts this season

By Jessica Honsinger
Senior Editor

Giving (and getting) gifts is one of the best parts of the season, wouldn't you agree? So, in the spirit if the season, here is a list of the ten most nifty gifts that we here at RC could get. Don't forget to write Santa!

10. Teacher servant day
9. No finals
8. 100 extra credit points in every class
7. No finals
6. School ending in mid-March
5. No finals
4. Schoolwide pool party on the last day
3. No finals
2. Guaranteed A's
1. NO FINALS

For all you Santa watchers, and we know you're out there, there is now a number you can call (1-800-HI-SANTA) for the latest information on Santa Claus, news from the pole, and other interesting information about old Saint Nick. You will be able to chart his course, country to country and rooftop to rooftop. (No this is not a joke!)

Remember to sign up for track and field with Ms. Ransom in Room 24.

Get some Holiday spirit!
Call the Volunteer Center of Sacramento and Yolo Counties at 368-3110.
Do something nice for someone.
Santa will reward you.

Book Review

Review reviews three visiting author's books

Big Annie of Calumet, I am an American, and Children of the Dust Bowl historically correct

By Barbara Sherwood
Staff Writer

Author Jerry Stanley says that he tries to tell a story instead of writing history, which he does in *I am an American: A True Story of Japanese Internment. I am an American* is the story of Shiro Nomura and his family and friends and the changes in their lives after the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941. *I am an American* tells you the feelings of ordinary Japanese-Americans and gives the reader historical insight into the effects of Executive Order #9066, the document signed by President Roosevelt giving permission to relocate "enemy aliens" and brings the story forward to the letters of apology former President George Bush sent to Shiro Nomura along with all other Japanese-American internees.

Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Patchweed Camp takes place in the 1930's, the decade of the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression. Farmers in the Oklahoma panhandle area lost their farms, and left for California after reading handbills that advertised the need for farm workers. The "Okies" (a term applied to these people) were looked down upon by the Californians because they were poorer, talked differently, had different music, and had a completely different life. Whenever the Okies sought necessities such as medical care or education, they were often outright denied or badly mistreated. Leo Hart, head counselor at Kern County District High School, often visited the Okie children and understood what they were going through. Mr. Hart decided the Okie children should have their own school, and *Children of the Dust Bowl* is the story of how the Arvin Federal Emergency School (called the Weedpatch Camp School) came to be. The people of Kern County originally opposed the school, but eventually wanted their children to go to the "Okie School."

It's a dramatic story with a morally uplifting lesson and an ending anyone would enjoy.

Big Annie of Calumet: A True Story of the Industrial Revolution is about a miners' strike in Calumet, Michigan in 1913. Every day, the striking miners' wives and children marched in support of the miners. Leading them was Annie Clemenc, a six-foot-tall miner's wife carrying a ten-foot-tall flagpole with an American flag attached.

Big Annie of Calumet is not supposed to be an "enjoyable" book in terms of a happy ending, but an inspiring story of the sacrifices made by those in the labor movement to ensure safer working conditions, better pay and shorter hours.

I enjoyed all three of these books. They weren't long-winded, and they teach the reader what ordinary people felt during these events by telling their stories and giving the leaders and the rest of the "important" people second chair. The best part is, you don't have to have a doctorate in history to understand them. I enjoyed *Children of the Dust Bowl* the most because it was the most inspiring. Against adverse neighbors and lack of funds, the Okie children got their school, were eventually accepted by the community, and went out in the world and succeeded.

College acceptance

A list of seniors who have been accepted to a college

By Jessica Honsinger
Senior Editor

This time of year is always stressful for seniors. Deadlines for college applications are fast approaching (and for some have already passed) and then comes the horrible stretch of waiting to find out if they can continue your higher education. It's all worth it, though, when they find out they have been accepted to the college of their choice!

Congratulations to all who have been accepted!

CSU, Sacramento
Sheeza Ashraf
Judit Campos
Tiffany Doeuk
Ben Flint
Cathy Leal
Carlos Martinez
Jennifer Newkirk
Debbie Phayboun
Khontavy Phouanglasy
Joe Portwood
Meuy Saechao
Lai Saetern
Muang Fong Saeteurn
Liane Saucedo
Jennifer Scruggs
Yevgeny Stetsenko
Malalai Yusufzai

CSU, Chico
Leslie Lamkin

Loyola University, New Orleans
Melissa Ferrell

Information collected by David Williams.

Got an Opinion? Write The Review!

Gossard

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Mrs. Gossard says if she could be anything else besides a counselor she would like to be a travel agent, but she says she likes being a counselor because she is a good problem solver and she loves working with people. It also gives her the opportunity to make a difference.

Mrs. Gossard's most embarrassing moment on campus was, she said, "On dress up day, when I came as a lame Kramer and surprised everyone." She is married and her hobbies are gardening, traveling, and interior decorating. So now you know River City's new addition to the counseling staff.

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Rishi's Rhetoric

This month, in a sad farewell, RC will see one of its very own teachers, Ms. Susan Johnson, leave. Ms. Johnson, who has taught at RC for five years, is leaving not because she wants to, but because she has a medical condition which does not allow her to function fully in the RC environment.

It is hard to lose a good teacher like Ms. Johnson. However, she is by no means the only good teacher at RC. I truly do believe that the students of RC do not fully appreciate the role teachers have in their lives. I heard about a freshman who said that he didn't even remember the name of his elementary school teachers, nor did he care, because they were not important to him. That is sad!

Yes, parents, grandparents, friends, and countless other people have an impact on our lives. However, it is our teachers, from kindergarten to twelfth grade, who plant the basic knowledge students need to lead successful lives into our minds. They should be appreciated.

It is always nice when the administration shows their appreciation for the teachers with gifts and letters like the one they sent when they were honored with the Golden Apple Award. However, we as students need to do more to appreciate our teachers. They may not always be perfect, but they are doing the best they can.

Students have teachers like Mr. Logan, Mr. Marks, and Mr. Rackley who have been teaching for thirty years, or more. There are teachers like Ms. Higgins, Ms. Carlisle, Mr. Mesquita, and Mr. Engoron who spend countless hours preparing students for Academic Decathlon, Mock Trial and the play. Teachers like Ms. Larson and Ms. McMahen spend their weekends and free time ensuring that students meet deadlines and publications are published. There are the countless staff members who work as coaches, both officially and unofficially. We have teachers like Ms. Askew-Pederson, Mr. Sorrell, Ms. Cottor, Ms. Mihanovich, and Mr. Wollam who make sure that no student is left behind. And perhaps most important, there are those teachers who take the time out of their lives to stay after school or come early to help each student who asks for it with their work.

These teachers are what make RC the distinguished school it is. We have good students, a good administration, and all that stuff. However, good teachers really make the difference at RC. We should recognize them for who they really are, heroes.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Pay raise: the issue is how it was handled

The board of supervisors for Yolo County, who voted for a supervisors' pay raise of $10,000 per year, began the pay raise process at a time when three-fifths of the board was finishing up its service and therefore would not benefit from the raise.

Helen Thomson was leaving for duty as a state assemblyperson; Betsy Marchand and Frank Sieferman was stepping down from office. Only Mike McGowan (who led the charge and voted 'yes') and Tom Stallard (who abstained) would remain to benefit from the increase.

A "fact sheet" released by the county on this issue stated that this made it an "opportune time" for the board to vote on a pay raise, "since three Board members are vacating their positions and will not personally gain from a salary adjustment."

(Note the use of the term "salary adjustment" instead of, say, "pay raise.")

Some members of the public look at it a different way; three members of the board are vacating their positions and thus cannot be held accountable by local voters.

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The same "fact sheet" steered credit for the pay raise away from the supervisors and towards county staff, a view which contrasts with other histories of the pay raise. And it refers to the supervisors' annual compensation rate, before the raise, as $17,863.

But this dollar figure merely represents the "salary" portion of the compensation. When other benefits, such as health benefits, retirement contributions and a $375 per month car allowance are counted in, the actual compensation package amounted to $32,658 per year per supervisor before the raise. With the raise in salary and a small increase in some benefits, the new total compensation package will reach the mid-forties.

The key question in the debate is how it has been determined that the supervisors are now working full time for their constituents when they used to work only part time. This is the part of the debate that needs better explaining to the public. For a full time job as co-boss of a county government, the pay raise would be eminently fair.

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Perhaps the raise was a good idea, but there has been a reluctance at least in some quarters to face the facts surrounding it, and the public will suffer some resentment of their leaders for what some perceive as a betrayal. Many county employees other than the supervisors, who don't have the ability to vote themselves a pay raise, are poorly compensated compared to colleagues elsewhere yet didn't get such a raise.

So what can Yolo County voters do if they disagree with this pay raise?

Very little, it works out. Three supervisors who supported the raise -- Sieferman, Thomson and Marchand -- have moved on and are therefore immune to local voters' wrath. Stallard voted neither 'yes' nor 'no,' when he should have taken a stand on this important county policy. Only Mike McGowan is left to stand behind a 'yes' vote on the pay raise. But the pay raise did not become an issue this fall in time for his re-election campaign (he ran unopposed in West Sacramento in last month's vote), and by the time his next re-election rolls around in four years, this issue will be ancient history.

Is it possible somebody thought of all that?

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Living proof that the News-Ledger does not have a monopoly on typographical errors:

The new dedication plaque at the James McKnight Police Facility lists the names of the dignitaries who presided over its construction.

At the top of the list is the name of then-mayor Greg Potnik.

While that is a somewhat catchy spelling of the long-time councilman's name, he usually spells it with a "c" before the "k."

A fixed version of the plaque is on the way.

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Letters to the Editor

Legion says thanks

The West Sacramento American Legion Baseball Committee would like to thank all those nice people who came to our first fundraising breakfast held Saturday, December 7, at the Goose Club. We served approximately 300 breakfasts, the food was delicious and there was plenty of it, and everybody seemed to enjoy the event. The money made that day will go a long way in helping to get our program off the ground.

A very special thank you to Carl and Judy, the owners of the Goose Club, for their generosity in allowing us to hold our fundraiser at the Goose Club. Our success depends on the help of the many generous people in our community, and Carl and Judy, we couldn't have done it without you.

The West Sacramento American Legion Baseball program plans on having a dinner/dance in April, 1997, and we hope that we will see many of those same friends and family again at that affair, and some new ones, too.

Thank you for your support.

TOM McKINNON and the
COMMITTEE FOR WEST
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Note from the sheriff

On August 8, 1996, I announced my retirement as Sheriff-Coroner of Yolo County effective December 30, 1996. I want to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Yolo County who supported me in my 1990 election and my re-election in 1994.

During the time that I served as Sheriff-Coroner, I did the best I could for the benefit of the voters, the citizens we serve, and the members of the Yolo County Sheriff's Department. These last six years have fulfilled my life and my expectations as an employee of Yolo County. When I took office in 1990, I set goals that I wished to accomplish. I leave with the knowledge that many of these goals have been achieved during my term of office. None of this could have been possible without the support of the voters, the Board of Supervisors, other county department heads, the County Administrative Officer, and the employees of the Yolo County Sheriff's Department, and for this I thank each of you.

BOB MARTINEZ
Sheriff-Coroner
Yolo County

Tree lighting

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce has so many people to thank for such a wonderful City Christmas Tree Lighting event Friday evening, December 6. It was a beautiful affair. I've always been proud of living and working in West Sacramento; this event was another of the many things happening in our community that bolsters that pride.

The many folks who made it happen, gave of their time, selfless energy and money, and they are to be congratulated and thanked. I hesitate to list names because I am sure I will miss someone. However, I must name and thank as many of the key players as I can.

Project coordinator was Jeff Henry, without whom none of this would have been possible. He worked tirelessly to make sure all was at the ready and nothing would "fall through the cracks;" he was the glue that kept the project together. He did a great job as master of ceremonies at the event, also. Thank you. Jeff's wife, Susan, gave Jeff encouragement throughout the process. Thank you. Artesian Development, Jeff's place of work, were very patient and understanding of his time commitment and gave their support during the planning and implementation of the project. Thank you.

Larry von Kaenel, assistant City Manager, jumped in to help out when there was a need for quick action to keep us all on track. Thank you. The tree came from Riverbend Tree Farm. Thank you. Ron, Dave, and Sugar of West Sacramento's Kelley Display, interrupted their busy schedules decorating throughout the state to come decorate and light the tree. Thank you. Lou Argues built and delivered the stand. Thank you. The Parks and Community Services District picked up the tree, delivered it and put it up. Thank you. Jill Egbert and associates from Pacific Gas & Electric provided the electrical needs. Thank you. The Fire Department brought Santa Claus. Thank you. City Mayor Pro Tem, Wes Beers, and Chamber president, John Davis, addressed those in attendance and the two, along with Santa, pulled the switch that turned on the glorious Christmas Tree lights. Thank you.

Duane Anderson, of Golden State Middle School, taught and directed the very talented school band and choir that provided us with a tremendous performance of "Joyful noises." They were all so very terrific! Thank you.

Many chamber members who own or represent businesses inside and outside of West Sacramento that serve this community, attended and supported the lighting ceremonies as did numerous folks from the Hotel/Motel Association and the Downtown Business District. Thank you.

The West Sacramento News-Ledger and the other local newspaper gave the project the free front-page publicity that resulted in a large audience of local folks who, I am sure, were impressed and proud. Thank you.

You all made this a positive, moving event second to none in the region.

For the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce officers, members of the board of directors, ambassadors, members and staff, I deeply and sincerely thank you all.

STEVE R. ROBERTS
Executive Director
West Sac. Chamber of Commerce

Thanks, VFW post

While many of us had hoped that when we incorporated that a City Center would emerge -- city offices and, in addition, some type of meeting and performance space would be a high

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Your thoughts are welcome

Your submission's are always welcome to the News-Ledger opinion page.

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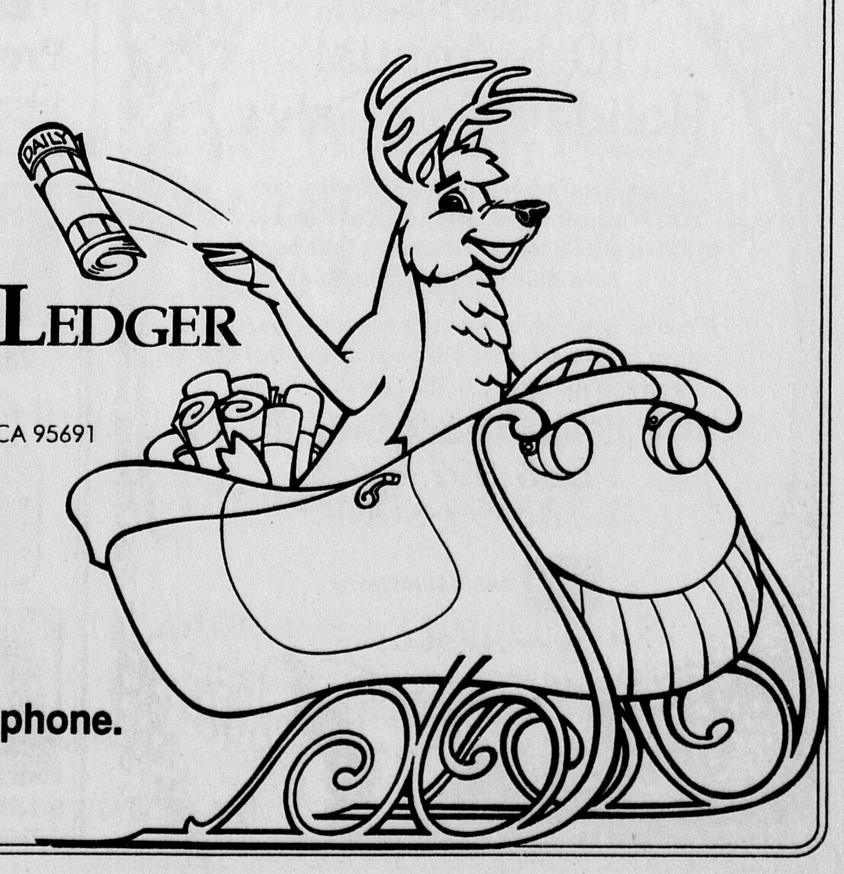

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Ship traffic

The following is a calendar of ship activity at the Port of Sacramento for the month of December:

Long Beach arrives at the port on December 19, transporting bag rice and departing on December 22.

Robin Kobe arrives at the port on December 18, transporting logs and departing on December 21.

Taio Cosmos arrives on December 19, transporting chips and departing on December 21.

White Coral arrives on December 20, transporting bag rice and departing on December 25.

Cornucopia arrives on December 21, transporting urea and departing the same day.

Anangel Power arrives on December 28, transporting fertilizer and departing December 30.

Erasmusgracht arrives on December 27, transporting bag rice and departing December 30.

Hawk Arrow arrives on January 3, transporting fertilizer and departing January 6.

Eemsgracht arrives December 29, transporting bag rice and departing January 3.

Ken Un arrives on January 4, transporting bag rice and departing January 8.

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and a continued upswing in the economy. In the meantime, the group encouraged the City to take steps to provide public access along the riverfront property.

The panelists confirmed the City's vision that the river is a great natural asset and holds the key for helping West Sacramento develop its waterfront with a mix of public, private and recreational uses. The property and its existing land use entitlements are of significant value and if developed would be a draw for residents and visitors from throughout the region. In its conclusions, the panel applauded the City on its excellence in planning for future development of the riverfront and advised the community to be patient and plan for the long term -- something beyond five years.

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priority. Now, that expectation has become a row of trees on West Capitol Avenue. Fortunately our VFW Post 8762 has continued to take care of many, many community gatherings.

So, now we celebrate 50 years of generous sharing of the building with all of us. The hard work over the years of the members deserves a big "thank you" from all of us. Breathes there a West Sacramento resident who never to him/her self has said: It isn't fancy but it surely is friendly and full of good memories!

GRACE K. OHLSON
West Sacramento

Uniform poll closing

The 1996 election should have taught us a few lessons: 1) Need for uniform poll closing times so that New York's polls close at the same time on anyone's watch as those in California (although poll hours would vary by time zone); 2) If we do not understand the issues or we are not comfortable voting for the "minimum" number of candidates (or "Vote for this #), THEN DON'T VOTE ON THAT ISSUE OR DON'T VOTE WHEN BALLOT SAYS "VOTE FOR ONE." AND JUST BECAUSE MORE THAN ONE POSITION IS UP FOR (RE-) ELECTION (as with City Council or School Board) does not obligate voters to vote for the maximum number of candidates. Be more selective as with foods, etc. Such voting would more accurately reflect the voters desires and should encourage more voters to go to the polls and express their feelings,, including "the lesser of the evils"; and 3) Stress to our Federal and other lawmakers the importance of preventing the news media from projecting results during election hours.

The news media should REPORT the news, but the media should not have so much influence on election results so as to discourage voter participation. Why don't they just come right out and say it direct: "Don't bother to vote!" Need we say more?

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Child custody

In 1981, child custody mediation was mandated in the State of California. In 1991, the Judicial Council of California adopted the Uniform Standards of Practice for Court-connected Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes (Uniform Standards). The Uniform Standards as well as the statutes that established mandatory mediation are the principle set of rules that govern the conduct of court-connected family law mediators in California. The Uniform Standards place primary and substantial responsibility on the Superior Court for the implementation and operation of mediation services. This Court responsibility should ensure families are provided a forum that offers the highest levels of impartiality and competency.

The ultimate purpose of the Uniform Standards is to put the participants into a better position to know what they are entitled to expect from the Court regarding its delivery or mediation services. Thus the rules give the Court and Mediator guidance in determining the kinds of conduct that is or is not appropriate in their delivery of those services.

A high level or coordinated effort between the Court and Mediators is needed to close the accountability gap that presently exists between the Courts' and Mediators' responsibilities and the families' rights to the highest level of services.

In 1996, the Yolo County Family Law Bench/Bar Committee drafted policy/procedures based on the Uniform Standards for use in Yolo County. I understand that it is expected that these rules will be included in the Local Rules of Court, scheduled for adoption in January, 1997. I have reviewed the Draft. Several duties in its language need realignment.

Regarding the rule of challenging a specific mediator, I understand the Draft states, in effect, that prior to the assignment of a particular mediator, either party may challenge the mediator and without cause or explanation. Thus the Challenge rule mandates a duty on either party.

The rule is bad policy for it is unduly burdensome on the client. Let me explain. One party without knowledge of the mediator's bias or both parties' lack of knowledge of the mediator's incompetence of specific issues within the context of mediator, should not cause any party to waiver the right to a fair and/or competent process simply because either participant failed to challenge that mediator.

The language of the Uniform Standards and thus the Draft presupposes the mediator is in the best position to determine whether an impression of possible bias exists between the mediator and a participant, or to know whether the mediator lacks competency to address certain issues within the context of mediation.

To achieve the highest ethical and competency standards clients can expect within the meaning of the Uniform Standards, and to create a professional environment in which the Court is responsive to the varying needs of the families it serves, the Yolo County Superior/Municipal Court should implement the "Informed Written Disclosure" rule, as part of its newly-drafted Local Rules of Court Family Law Policy. The rule applies where, prior to appointment, the mediator is unavailable to accept a particular case due to a perceived conflict of interest, lack of expertise of the issues presented, or for whatever reason.

Thus prior to appointment, the mediator shall disqualify him or herself from that case by furnishing a written disclosure to the issuing Judge advising him or her of the mediator's unavailability.

To further enhance the process, the mediator should use the "Informed Written Disclosure" rule to identify to the Court any type of case in which the mediator wishes to limit his or her appointment for mediation or any area in which the mediator has special expertise. Such issues may include expertise or lack thereof regarding substance abuse, sexual molestation allegations, parental coaching, and the like.

The mediator's failure to disclose his adverse interests and/or lack of expertise will constitute grounds for breach of this rule.

In addition to the formal statements to define expectations for parties, the Uniform Standards also provide program accountability to strongly encourage all courts to develop and implement a mechanism for collecting client feedback on their mediation services. Such a collection system, if implemented in Yolo County, would further close the accountability gap by making the services accountable to direct public scrutiny and identifying changes that should be made in its program.

I understand the Statewide Administrative Office of the Courts has available a suggested procedures and format for Courts to use for an on-going survey regarding client perceptions of the services offered.

Finally, I believe the Yolo County Superior/Municipal Court should implement, as part of its Family Law Grievance Policy/Procedure, a "Retroactive" or "No-Time Bar" rule where time will not bar a filed complaint to be heard and considered on its merits.

Access to the full text of the Uniform Standards is available upon telephone request from the Statewide Administrative Office of the Courts at (415) 396-9154 or at law libraries in the book California Rules of Court: State, Appendix, Section 26. The document is titled "Uniform Standards of Practice for Court-connected Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes." Likewise the current Local Rules of Court in any of the 58 counties are available in law libraries.

The Judicial Council of California has a standing committee called the Family Law Standing Committee whose responsibility it is to review court practices in the areas of family law by tracking proposed legislation affecting families, identifying areas of court practices that need study and examination, and making recommendations regarding court practices and policies to the Judicial Council for their consideration in developing statewide court rules or policy.

For further information on the Judicial Council, including that on family law, visit the Judicial Council on the Website: http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov.

CAROL ANNE WEST
Sacramento

Conference scheduled in Davis to benefit child care providers

From the Davis Department of Parks and Community Services

On Saturday, February 8, the Annual Childhood Mini-Conference: Tots to Teens will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Center in Davis. Held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the conference will include the following: keynote address by Sandi Redenbach, titled "Self-Esteem, Personal Responsibility, and Emotional Intelligence: The Necessary Ingredients for Success,"; workshops focusing on a variety of issues relevant to parents and professionals working with children from infancy to pre-teens; and commercial vendors. A delicious box lunch will be available for purchase ($7.00) but must be reserved by February 3.

Cost for the day for those pre-registering is $10 for family child care providers, students, and center staff pre-registering as a group; $15 general. All those paying at the door will be charged $20. To register or for more information, call 757-5691 or (800) 378-5044 if calling from Yolo County outside of Davis and Woodland.

This Week In History

On December 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place wherein American colonists dressed as Indians hauled a shipment of tea into the ocean in protest of British taxes on the tea ... **December 17, 1777,** France recognized the independence of the 13 colonies ... **December 20, 1803,** the U.S. took the title to the Louisiana Purchase, doubling U.S. land area ... **December 22, 1807,** the Embargo Act was passed, banning all trade with foreign countries and forbidding ships to set sail for foreign ports ... **December 20, 1835,** gold having been discovered on Cherokee land in Georgia, the Indians were forced to cede their lands to the government and to cross the Mississippi River ... **December 17, 1903,** the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air mechanically propelled airplane was navigated by Orville Wright near Kitty Hawk, N.C., at 120 feet in 12 seconds ... **December 17, 1903,** the fourth flight in a heavier-than-air mechanically propelled airplane was navigated by Wilbur Wright, at 852 feet in 59 seconds ... **December 18, 1917,** Congress submitted the 18th Amendment (Prohibition) to the states for ratification to the Constitution ... **December 22, 1919,** approximately 250 alien radicals were deported from the U.S. ... **December 18, 1972,** full-scale bombing of North Vietnam resumed after Paris peace talks reached an impasse ... **December 21, 1988,** Drexel Burnham Lambert agreed to plead guilty to six violations of federal law, including insider trading, stock manipulation, and falsified records; and to pay penalties of $650 million, by far the largest such settlement ... **December 20, 1989,** U.S. troops invaded Panama, overthrowing the government of Manuel Noriega, who eluded capture and took refuge in a Vatican mission ... **December 17, 1994,** at least four small-caliber bullets were fired at the White House while President Clinton and his family slept; one bullet went through the window of a state dining room ... **December 17, 1994,** North Korea shot down a U.S. Army reconnaissance helicopter that was flying over its territory ... **December 18, 1994,** Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, after meeting with former President Jimmy Carter, said that his government would agree only to a short-term ceasefire rather than to a long one that would tend to solidify territorial gains by the Serbs.

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Police log

Following is a small sampling of the West Sacramento Police Department's incident and arrest reports for the past week. Facts have not been confirmed through either trial or investigation, and therefore names or exact addresses are never used here.

Dec. 13, 9:41 p.m.

. An officer stopped a 24-year old man for vehicle code violations on his bike near Michigan Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd. The man consented to a search of his backpack, and a small quantity of suspected methamphetamine was found. He was arrested.

Dec. 14, 5:30 a.m.

Officers contacted a 33-year old man sleeping in a car at a West Capitol Ave. restaurant parking lot. The car had been reported stolen out of Sacramento. The man was sleeping in the driver's seat and there was a key in the ignition. The man told police a friend had bought the car for $150. he was arrested.

Dec. 14, 6:05 a.m.

Officers responded to assist a fellow officer at a West Capitol Ave. motel and learned a 27-year old woman with a felony Sacramento warrant was on the premises. The woman was located under a bed in a room, and was taken into custody.

Dec. 14, 12:10 a.m.

Officers responded to an Evergreen Ave. apartment disturbance. A 35-year old man was identified by witnesses and accused of assaulting a woman pregnant with his child. The woman complained of abdominal pain, and although she refused medical aid on site, was driven by a friend to the hospital. The man was arrested.

Dec. 14, 8 a.m.

A 31 year old Los Angeles man was arrested for attempting to pass a forged check at a West Sacramento supermarket. The driver's license presented by the man was determined to be forged as well. He was arrested.

Dec. 16, 7:46 a.m.

A staff member at a local school reported receiving a bomb threat on the school's answering machine, but searched the alleged target area (a gym) and found none. No evacuation took place.

Dec. 16, 10:23 a.m.

A 40-year old West Sacramento man was reported by UCD Medical Center employees to be dying of a drug overdose at the hospital after being brought there from a Walnut St. residence.

Dec. 16, 10:44 a.m.

An Oakmont Way resident reported a three year old girl was screaming for her mother. Officers determined the child was just unhappy about being left with a babysitter.

Dec. 16, 11:13 a.m.

A caller reported that two juveniles were shooting a .22 caliber rifle near the barge canal and Jefferson Blvd. Officers contacted fishermen and construction workers in the area but found no sign of anyone shooting.

Dec. 16, 4:05 p.m.

An anonymous caller reported two juveniles were trying to break into a big blue post office mailbox. They were gone when police arrived.

Dec. 16, 7:13 p.m.

A domestic disturbance was reported on Hobson Ave. A woman demanded that her 33-year old male acquaintance leave the house, accusing him of being a drug user. He, in turn, accused her of using drugs. The woman admitted that the argument started when she kicked her eight year old son. The man left the home to calm the situation.

Dec. 16, 7:42 p.m.

Juveniles were reported selling drugs to motorists who pulled up near Oak St.

Dec. 16, 11:04 p.m.

On Myrtle Ave., a resident reported finding a man passing property over the backyard fence to an unseen accomplice. The resident yelled and the suspect fled.

Fiction, art and screenwriting courses offered in wintertime

This winter, University Extension, UC Davis, offers a variety of courses in writing, art and culture. Following are courses which begin in January:

Fiction Writing Workshop, Wednesdays, January 8 through March 12, 6-9 p.m., in Sacramento. In this comprehensive course, students improve their ability to read fiction critically, develop a sense of potential sources for fiction and become familiar with the process of editing and revising. Through workshops, lectures and exercises, this workshop focuses on the elementary principles of storytelling, including plot, characterization, imagery, setting and dialogue.

The fee is $185.

Intensive Weekend Screenwriting Workshop, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., February 22-23, in Davis. Designed for intermediate and advanced students who are actively working on screenplays, this two-day workshop concentrates on improving writing skills, fine tuning scripts and launching them into the commercial film marketplace. The experienced instructor emphasizes the interrelationship and refinement of theme, plot and character, as well as script marketing strategies. The fee is $185.

Spontaneous Watercolor, Saturday, February 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at UC Davis. This course features easy exercises that capitalize on the spontaneous nature of watercolor -- and help students create the kind of paintings you would expect only after months of instruction. The fee is $95.

History's Great Cities: A Garland of Spanish Cities, Saturday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at UC Davis. Hosted by F. Roy Willis, professor emeritus in the UC Davis department of history, this course explores a garland of Spanish cities in this intriguing course. Professor Willis takes participants back to the golden age of Barcelona., Seville, Madrid and Santiago. The fee is $65.

To request more information or to enroll, call toll free (800) 752-0881.

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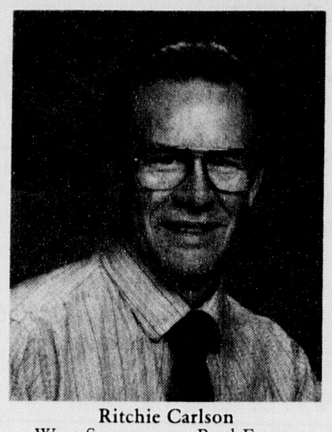

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New pet as a holiday gift?

Think again about giving a furry gift

From the Sacramento Pet Overpopulation Council

The Sacramento Pet Overpopulation Council (SPOC) reminds dog and cat owners that pets living in your home need special attention during the holiday season. To make sure that this is a joyous time for both pets and pet owners alike, the SPOC offers the following tips:

Don't give pets as gifts. Adopting an animal involves a serious, long-term emotional and financial commitment, the kind of decision which people have to make for themselves. You don't do the people or animals involved justice by treating pets as holiday trinkets. On the other hand, if you or a family you know are thinking about adopting an animal, books and videos about animals and animal care make wonderful presents, and can help prepare the recipients to be better pet owners.

If you are thinking about adopting a pet, wait until after the hectic holiday season is over. A new pet requires a lot of attention, and is not likely to receive it with everything else that's going on this time of year.

Be aware of the special hazards that some holiday decorations can pose to pets. Holly, and mistletoe can be poisonous to animals. Garland, tinsel, glass ornaments and dangling electrical cords can be dangerous if eaten or chewed. Burning candles can start fires if pets upset them. And aspirin should not be used as a preservative in Christmas tree water because it can be fatal to cats who might drink the water.

Be careful about sharing your holiday treats with pets. Too much "people food" can make your pet sick, especially if he or she is not used to it. Chocolate can be toxic to both dogs and cats.

Finally, pets like holidays gifts as the rest of us. The very best gift you can give your pet during the holidays is a free ride home if he or she becomes lost by giving your pet a new collar and identification tag.

Happy Holidays!

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WEST SACTO. GARBAGE SERVICE:
So that our employees may spend Christmas at home with their families, refuse pickups normally scheduled for Dec. 25 will instead occur on Thursday, Dec. 26. Thursday pickups will instead occur Friday, and Friday pickups will occur Saturday. There will be no change in the refuse pickup schedule for New Year's Day. Questions? Call 373-3720.
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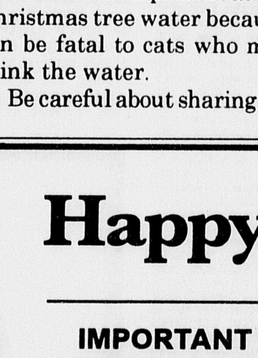
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Filed Sep 25, 1996
File No. 96-601

The following person is doing business as Amazing Tans, 1300 "C" East Covell Blvd., Davis, CA 95616:

Bharat C. Parmar, 7500 Circuit Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95610.

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/s/Bharat Parmar

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County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Sep 25, 1996
by: /s/Victoria Barnes, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct 21, 1996
File No. 96-661

The following person is doing business as Phoenix Core's, 801 Northport Dr., W. Sacto., CA 95691:

Carl J. Perton, 7300 Lawnwood Dr., Sacto., CA 95828.

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/s/Carl Pelton

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Date: Oct. 21, 1996
by: /s/Kimberley Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 25, 1996
File No. 96-725

The following persons are doing business as Jumbuck Knits, 300 Solano Park Cir., Davis, CA 95616, Apt. 19H:

Lauren McIntyre, 300 Solano Pk Cr Davis, CA 95616; Ann-Marie House, 8612 Olive School Lane, Winters, CA 95694.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-15-96.

/s/Lauren McIntyre
/s/Ann-Marie House

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Date: Nov. 25, 1996
by: /s/Karen S. Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 18, 1996
File No. 96-656

The following person is doing business as Marcus Foods & Gifts; Club Satay; Lola's Light Cafe, 534 Main Street, Woodland, CA 95695:

Normala Marcus, 216 F Street #88, Davis, CA 95616.

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/s/Normala Marcus

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Date: Oct. 18, 1996
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 19, 1996
File No. 96-716

The following person is doing business as LGB Mobile Welding Service, 52840 Sacramento Street, Clarksburg, CA 95612:

Lance G. Blair and Rhonda Blair, same address as above.

This business is conducted by husband and wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-19-1996.

/s/Lance G. Blair
/s/Rhonda Blair

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 26, 1996
File No. 96-727

The following person is doing business as The Stitched Heart, 1412 Lakewood Dr., West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Janna Burt, same address as above; Judy Renno, 2628 Summerfield Dr., West Sacramento, CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Janna Burt
/s/Judy Renno

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Date: Nov 26, 1996
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 4, 1996
File No. 96-686

The following persons are doing business as Eagle Computer Systems, 25 Cadillac Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825:

FPI Management, Inc., a California Corporation, 25 Cadillac Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825.

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on October 7, 1991.

/s/Jay R. Flatt
FPI Management, Inc.

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Date: Nov. 4, 1996
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 21, 1996
File No. 96-720

The following person is doing business as Water 4 You; Water For You; Water 4 U, 2600 Evergreen, West Sacramento, CA 95691:

Glenda Lynne Curiale, 2643 Cibola Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80917.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 1996.

/s/Glenda Lynne Curiale

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by: /s/Karen S. Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Sep. 27, 1996
File No. 96-604

The following persons are doing business as Woodland Chiropractic Clinic, 221 W. Court #7, Woodland, CA 95695:

James W. Newell DC, 735 Harvard Bend, Woodland, CA 95695.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Sept. 24, 1991. Fictitious business name number 91-516.

/s/James W. Newell DC

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by: /s/Carrie Taylor, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 18, 1996
File No. 96-715

The following persons are doing business as Greg's Appliance Repair, 42255 Daniels St., Knights Landing, CA 95645:

Greg Harshaw and April Harshaw, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-18-96.

/s/Greg Harshaw
/s/April Harshaw

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Date: Nov. 18, 1996
by: /s/Linda Medina, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Dec 6, 1996
File No. 96-753

The following persons are doing business as No Worries, 759 Bianco Ct., Davis, CA 95616:

Cynthia S. Neville and Edward J. Neville III, same address as above.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/97.

/s/Cynthia S. Neville
/s/Edward J. Neville III

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Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Dec 6, 1996
by: /s/Karen S. Smith, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 22, 1996
File No. 96-724

The following person is doing business as L & L Enterprises, 1451 Crystal Springs Dr., Woodland, CA 95776:

Bill Lucena, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/25/96.

/s/Bill Lucena

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Date: Nov. 22, 1996
by: /s/Kim Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 19, 1996
File No. 96-717

The following person is doing business as Greenway Landscape, 250 Touchstone Pl. #17, W. Sacramento, CA 95691:

Shahin Davarpanah, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov 19, 1996.

/s/Shahin Davarpanah

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by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov. 4, 1996
File No. 96-684

The following person is doing business as MCD Enterprises, 1115 Woodland Ave., Woodland, CA 95695/3144 Broadway Ste #4-323, Eureka, CA 95501:

Mary L. West, 3144 Broadway Ste 4-323, Eureka, CA 95501; Richelle C. Wooten, 1115 Woodland Ave., Woodland, CA 95695.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11-4-96.

/s/Mary L. West
/s/Richelle C. Wooten

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State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov. 4, 1996
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF YOLO
725 Court Street, Room 103
Woodland, CA 95695
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. V96000658

In the Matter of the Application of Amanda Suzanne Lindberg (Minor) for Change of Name

WHEREAS, Mary Smith has filed a petition with the Clerk of this court for an order changing name of Amanda Suzanne Lindberg (Minor) to Amanda Suzanne Lindberg-Smith

IT IS ORDERED that all persons interested in the above entitled matter appear before this Court at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 13, 1997, in the Courtroom of Department 7 at the Courthouse, Woodland, California, 95695, and show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order to show cause be published in News-Ledger, a newspaper of general circulation, printed in Yolo County, California, once a week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

DATED: Nov. 26, 1996
DONNA PETRE
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Dec 4 11 18 25

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No.: 96-0735-0250 Loan No.: 2561246949 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 12/29/93 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 12/26/96 at 4:00 PM, LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 1/5/94, as instrument No.000495, in book 2594, page 293, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of YOLO County, State of California. Executed by TRINIDAD VASQUEZ, AND CATHY VASQUEZ, HUSBAND/WIFE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 2101 STONE BLVD., WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA (NOTE: CASHIER'S CHECK(S) MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C. all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN #045-500-221 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2639 BRADFORD WAY, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $123,446.16. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: November 22, 1996, LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C., as Trustee, Michael Gonzalez, Authorized Signature, Address: P.O. Box 515368, Dallas, Texas 75251-5368, FOR TRUSTEE'S SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)367-7726, LONESTAR MORTGAGEE SERVICES, L.L.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ASAP234693 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE PFC #: 67332-48 Loan #: 1013456 Owner: DONALD M. MORIEL YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/23/92. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On December 24, 1996 at 03:30 PM **Peelle Financial Corporation** as Trustee of the Deed of Trust recorded 02/10/92 as instrument 03843 book 2309 page, 166 in the County of YOLO California, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED CHECK, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A CREDIT UNION, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, A SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR A SAVINGS BANK, AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PAYABLE AT THE TIME OF SALE IN LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES AT: THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL AT 2101 STONE BLVD., WEST SACRAMENTO, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under the Deed of Trust in the property described as: 067-120-251 Lots 38 and 39, Carly Acres, filed June 4,1917, in Book 3 of Maps, Page 33, Yolo County Records. EXCEPTING THEREFROM that portion thereof, lying South of the Northern line described in the Deed to the State of California recorded October 17, 1966 in Book 839 of Official Records, Page 261. TOGETHER WITH PERSONAL PROPERTY, as described in said Deed of Trust. Original trustor: DONALD M. MORIEL, The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is understood to be: 3201-3203 EVERGREEN AVENUE, WEST SACRAMENTO, CA. The Trustee does not warrant the accuracy of the street address or other common description of the property, if any provided in this notice. The property will be sold without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the unpaid balance of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, plus, as provided in such note(s); advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee. At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses and advances is $706,034.69. **Peelle Financial Corporation,** 1540 River Park Drive Suite 214, Sacramento, CA 95815-4609, (916) 929-3422, JENNY VIALL, FORECLOSURE OFFICER, Dated: 11/25/96 NPP0022834 PUB: 12/04/96, 12/11/96, 12/18/96

Notice of Trustee's Sale Loan No. 683-1318977 Ts No. 96-55776CA FHA/VA No. 043-5256802-703 You are in default under a Deed Of Trust dated June 16, 1994. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. On January 8, 1997, at 11:00 a.m., Master Mortgage Company, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed Of Trust recorded 6-27-94, as Inst. no. 021155, in book 2659, page 526, of official records in the office of the county recorder of Yolo County, State of California, executed by Salvador P. Morales and Lucille M. Morales, husband and wife as joint tenants as Trustor, will sell at public auction to highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) at on the main steps of the county courthouse 725 Court Street Woodland, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state described as: APN 14-372-09 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1053 Carrie Street, West Sacramento, CA, 95605 The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s), secured by said deed of trust with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed Of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed Of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of initial publication of the notice of sale is $83,489.42. The beneficiary under said Deed Of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a Written Declaration Of Default And Demand For Sale, and a written notice of default and election to sell. The undersigned caused said notice of Default And Election To Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. date: 02 Dec 96 Master Mortgage Company, Trustee, By **Specialized, Inc. as agent for said Trustee** 4180 Via Real #B Carpinteria, CA 93013 (805) 684-1424 by: G. Navarro, Trustee Sales Officer P86768 12/11, 12/18, 12/25/96

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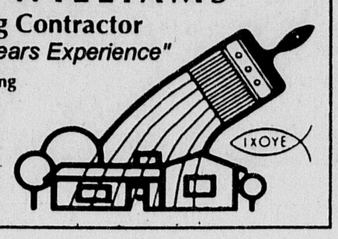

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M-16

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Local Scene

Help the Homeless

The Broderick Christian Center's Transitional Housing program is seeking organizations, businesses, and individuals to adopt homeless families for the rapidly approaching Christmas season. Families need food baskets, winter clothing, and toys for the children. The program has the ability to house 13 separate families with minor children at one time. The program provides case management and life skills classes to help the families reacquire a stable environment. To sponsor a homeless family, call the Broderick Christian Center at 372-0200 and ask for Delissa or Sharon.

1987 Reunion

The River City High School Class of 1987 is in the process of locating members of the graduating class in preparation for their ten-year reunion, planned for Saturday, August 16, 1997. Please call Danya at 374-0940 if you have a current mailing address for yourself or a member of the class.

Office Hours

New West Sacramento City Councilmember Mark Montemayor has announced he will hold regular office hours from 3 to 5 p.m. at city hall on the Wednesdays of West Sacramento City Council meetings. You may ask for Mark by going to the City Clerk's office. Members of the public are invited to meet with him at those times. To reach Mark by telephone, call 371-6117.

Food Distribution

Food products will be distributed to low-income eligible West Sacramento residents on December 28 at Sam Combs Activity Center on Stone Blvd. between 9 and 10 a.m.; and at a new location, the County Building at 500 Jefferson Blvd., between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Items will include raisins, rice, pinto beans and pumpkin. Participants are asked to bring a bag to carry food home. For more information, call the Yolo County Coalition Against Hunger at 758-6821.

Santa's Train

Santa's Train will be coming to town on Saturday, December 21. Stops include Davis Road and the railroad tracks near Fire Station 2 on Jefferson Blvd. between 8:30 and 9:05 a.m.; Linden Road and the railroad tracks near Our Lady of Grace School between 9:15 and 10 a.m.; and North Harbor Blvd. and City of West Sacramento Water Treatment Plant between 10:45 and 11:30 a.m. Children may visit with Santa at these selected stops. Staff will be present to assist children and parents on and off the train. Visiting will be on a first-come, first-served basis, so come early. Parking is limited at some stops so you might want to carpool. Pay rides are available from the first stop (Davis Road) to the second stop (Our Lady of Grace School) for $5 per person. There will be no Santa visits while the train is in motion and you must provide your own transportation back to your vehicle. For further information, please call 373-5860.

REACTION

from p. 1

"I'm going to have to see what staff has to say on it. It seems like some kind of a gift, but I have to sit down and look at the alternatives."

Kristoff said he expects staff to have some more hard information on the costs and benefits of the city's redevelopment agency acquiring the parcel, just across the Sacramento River from the mouth of the American River.

Fellow council member Greg Potnick was also approaching the matter carefully.

"I'm still waiting for the public hearings," said Potnick. "I'm not sure we want to take 42 acres of the tax rolls. It presents an opportunity for the city, but in the short term it means a whole lot of work and capital investment. We need to assess it against other city priorities."

City manager Joe Goeden was more enthusiastic, asking rhetorically, "how often do you get a chance to set aside land in a city at the junction of two rivers?"

Goeden said development of the site could include some parkland complemented by some office development.

A panel of real estate experts convened by redevelopment agency officials last week concluded that the site has high public potential, but that development would not happen quickly.

In local government

A meeting of the **West Sacramento Planning Commission** will take place Thursday, December 19, at 6 p.m. in city council chambers, 2101 Stone Blvd.

Among agenda items is Ordinance 96-13, amending sections of the Municipal Code relating to land development.

There will be no meetings of the **West Sacramento City Council** until Wed., Jan. 8.

Happy Holidays from the staff of the News-Ledger!

What's new at the library:

From Patty Robinson
East Yolo Friends of the Library
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Book reviews:

The Power of Beauty. Nancy Friday. Harper-Collins. 589 pages.

The bestselling author of My Mother/My Self, My Secret Garden, and Jealousy examines how our physical appearance affects our life, and how life affects our physical appearance. We live in a decade where beauty -- especially female beauty -- pervades every part of our lives. From birth until death, women are taught to primp, pamper, and adorn as they learn that beauty is a commodity to be bought, sold and bartered. But as gender roles expand, as women enter the workforce, and as men become caretakers, argues Friday, our conceptions of beauty will change.

Also at the library:

Keeping Kids Reading: How to Raise Avid Readers in the Video Age. Mary Leonhardt. Crown Publishers. 257 pages.

Kids who like to read comprehend and retain information more easily, write better, and score higher on standardized tests. By using the author's "reading pathways," you can identify your child's literary tastes and help him or her to enjoy reading.

Aiming Higher: 25 Stories of How Companies Prosper by Combining Sound Management and Social Vision. David Bollier. AMACOM. 365 pages.

Each year the Business Enterprise Trust honors companies and individuals whose leadership and business management skills have helped to create new markets, build motivated work forces, and attract customers. It is not "business as usual" for these innovative and visionary honorees whose creativity has incorporated concern with praxis.

Witnessing America. Noel Rae (ed.). Stonesong Press. 549 pages.

Relive American history from its earliest inception to the early 20th Century through the first-hand accounts of ordinary and extraordinary men and women of the day. Excerpts from diaries, letters, memoirs, articles, and tracts gathered from the Library of Congress, provide an informative and intriguing look at our nation's past.

New books on tape:

How Stella Got Her Groove Back. Terry McMillan. Three hours.

Stella Payne has it all...an expensive home, a nice car, an impressive job, and a loving son. Yet Stella has no one to share her good fortune with...at least not until she meets Winston. Not only is he tall and soft-spoken, but he's half her age. Stella is forced to confront her goals, fears and growing love.

Wake Up and Smell the Coffee! Ann Landers.

Share the advise, wisdom and witticisms of the "most trusted woman in America" as she shares her most popular columns. Spanning her forty-year career, Ms. Landers discusses teenage sex to AIDS to homosexuality to caring for the elderly.

The Shipping News. E. Annie Proulx. Four and one-half hours.

Quoyle's life is violently shaken by his wife's infidelity. Retreating to the hauntingly beautiful Newfoundland coast, he and his two daughters, along with a cast of local characters, work to reclaim his life.

Rumpole and the Golden Thread. John Mortimer. Ten and one-half hours.

In this collection of stories, Rumpole -- the irreverent and incorrigible barrister -- continues to "juggle deftly the vagaries of law, the ambiguities of crime, and the contradictions of the human heart" all for the sake of justice.

My American Journey. Colin Powell. Four hours.

Colin Powell shares his incredible life story from growing up in Harlem to joining the Army and fighting in Vietnam to working as a presidential aide and masterminding Desert Storm to considering the American Presidency. General Powell's memoirs are filled with passion and are sure to exhilarate readers.

Park grant

From the West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Department

Parks and Community Services was just notified by Bank of America Manager Sue McGowan that the Bank of America Foundation has granted $2,500.00 to the Department for the partial development of the Sacramento Riverfront Park. The grant calls for three police officers, five recreation staff members and 25 children ages 8 to 15 to plant trees as a community tree planting project.

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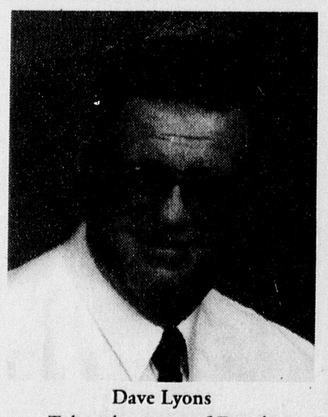

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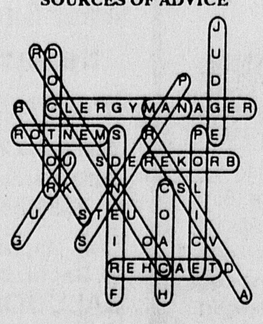

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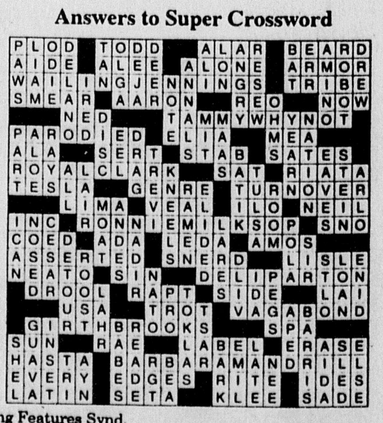
Sports Quiz Answers

1. zero; 2. shuttlecock; 3. Secretariat; 4. Jim Thorpe; 5. Minnesota Fats; 6. "Gentlemen, start your engines"; 7. the hand; 8. 40

Answers to Super Crossword



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